

# Power for the People

Edinburgh City Chambers, Friday 8 December 2006

A MAJOR CONFERENCE ON COMMUNITY ENERGY

The policy framework • case studies • practical issues • international examples

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

- 09.45 **REGISTRATION, COFFEE**
- 10.00 **Setting the scene**  
Mark Lazarowicz, MP for Edinburgh North and Leith
- 10.15 **International case study: Copenhagen**  
Jens Larsen, Director of the Copenhagen Environment and Energy Office
- 10.55 **Case studies of community energy projects in the UK**  
Andrew King, Chairman, Energy4all
- 11.30 **BREAK**
- 11.45 **Tackling Climate Chaos**  
Liz Thompson, Environment Adviser, the Cooperative Group
- 12.20 **Developing a local energy strategy**  
Nicholas Gubbins, Chief Executive, Highlands and Islands Community Energy Company
- 12.55 **LUNCH**
- 13.40 **Local case studies:**  
**- Edinburgh City Council**  
Maureen Child, Executive Member for Finance and Sustainability, Edinburgh City Council  
**- Developing a local community wind farm**  
Donald Young, New Lives, New Landscapes
- 14.15 **Practical support for community energy projects**  
Jason Leon, Renewables Officer, Changeworks
- 14.50 **BREAK**
- 15.00 **How the energy industry can help meet communities' energy needs**  
Nigel Ellis, Energy Services Development Manager, Scottish and Southern Energy
- 15.35 **Closing Speech**  
Sarah Boyack MSP, Convenor, Environment and Rural Development Committee,  
Scottish Parliament
- 15.50 **CONFERENCE CLOSSES**

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**Communities and local councils up and down the country are looking at innovative ways of promoting their own energy projects, ranging from small scale micro-renewables and energy efficiency schemes, to city and council wide initiatives.**

This conference has been organised by the **Centre for Scottish Public Policy (CSPP)** to bring together local communities, councils, business and non-governmental organisations together with energy companies and advisers. It will look at the policy framework for the development of community energy, together with practical experience of developing community energy initiatives both in this country and internationally.

## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

**Sarah Boyack** is MSP for Edinburgh Central. She is Convenor of the Scottish Parliament Environment & Rural Development Committee. From 1999-2001 she was Minister for Transport, Environment & Planning in the Scottish Executive.

**Maureen Child** is Executive Member for Sustainability & Finance on Edinburgh City Council. She was previously a member of the Sustainable Development Commission.

**Nigel Ellis** is Energy Services Development Manager for Scottish & Southern Energy. Scottish & Southern is one of the UK's largest energy companies, supplying communities both large and small. It has a major involvement in renewable energy sources.

**Nicholas Gubbins** is Chief Executive of the Highlands & Islands Community Energy Company, which provides free advice, grant funding and finance for renewable energy projects developed by community groups to benefit their community.

**Andrew King** is Chairman of Energy4 all consultants, set to expand the number of renewable energy co-operatives in the UK as an integral part of a transition to a low carbon economy.

**Jens Larsen** is Director of the Copenhagen Environment and Energy Office and project manager of Denmark's Middelgrunden wind farm, the world's largest community-owned offshore wind farm.

**Mark Lazarowicz** is Labour MP for Edinburgh North & Leith. He successfully promoted the Climate Change & Sustainable Energy Bill through the UK Parliament. He is currently leading an Edinburgh Community Energy initiative.

**Jason Leon** is Renewables Officer at Changeworks. Edinburgh-based Changeworks offers advice and practical support on energy efficiency and renewables, waste reduction and recycling, and sustainable transport

**Liz Thompson** is Environment Adviser for the Co-operative Group. The Co-operative Group has established itself as a major exponent of green energy, and is currently promoting a number of micro- and larger scale renewable energy projects. It has supported a number of community energy projects.

**Donald Young** is Director of New Lives New Landscapes, a green developer which promotes and implements sustainable development projects, where small developments are harnessed to bring about extensive environmental benefits.

## REGISTRATION FORM

**Registration: FREE for cooperatives, community groups, other non-governmental organisations, and CSPP members. All other registrations: £120 & 17.5% VAT: £141 per delegate**

### Registration form:

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Or send details by email to: [info@cspp.org.uk](mailto:info@cspp.org.uk)

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