

# 2021-22 IN REVIEW

## TNUoS: achieving progress at last

An acknowledgement by government this year that network charging reform is needed comes as a result of years of advocacy from Scottish Renewables. Our persistence on behalf of members was rewarded with a place on Ofgem's TNUoS Task Force.

## Onshore action

We're working more closely than ever with The Scottish Government to plot a future path for onshore wind as a Sector Deal develops. Media work on onshore wind's contribution to Scotland's economy again highlighted the need for accelerated deployment.

## COP a load of that

Our Year of COP campaign brought together the public, politicians and members to discuss the issues that matter as the world's gaze turned to Glasgow. High-profile advertising space secured by Scottish Renewables informed arriving delegates of our industry's contribution to net-zero, while our roadshow travelled across Scotland.

## New roles fuel activity for members

Scottish Renewables is growing, with new roles in the Policy and Communications teams bolstering our capacity to respond and research on behalf of our members. A new analyst position brings greater depth to our work, while a media position will enable us to tell our industry's positive stories.

## Engaging at Holyrood and Westminster

The past year has been a busy one for political engagement, with 80 meetings targeting new and returning MSPs and recently appointed Ministers. We've also held two breakfast briefing events, seven roundtables, manned stands at two party conferences and organised eight political visits, as well as meeting 28 MPs.

## Supply chain successes

A new Supply Chain Forum launched in 2022 with a lively meeting discussing challenges and opportunities. We've continued to represent all members at the Scottish Offshore Wind Energy Council and relevant Scottish Government groups, and also ran a campaign focussed on the supply chain, clearly setting out key priorities for The Scottish Government.

## Getting pumped storage hydro the attention it deserves

Our work to demonstrate the need for a route to market for pumped storage hydropower bore fruit in 2022, with the UK Government acknowledging the need for action on the issue. Its British Energy Security Strategy committed to develop policies to enable investment by 2024; a resounding win for Scottish Renewables.

## Keeping ScotWind on track

Scottish Renewables' Policy and Communications teams worked together to ensure that the opportunities offered by the ScotWind offshore wind leasing round are understood by The Scottish Government, and relationships between politicians, civil servants and industry are maintained as projects progress.

## Back to life after Covid

The pandemic caused new challenges for our events, but this membership year saw the Events team bringing conferences, seminars and award ceremonies back to life – with safety and delegate comfort at the front of their minds. In the 2021-22 membership year we held 16 events which were attended by around 3,000 delegates.

## Planning for the future

We've continued to advocate on planning as a major barrier to the deployment of renewables required to achieve Scotland's legally binding net-zero targets, specifically through our response to National Planning Framework 4 and proposed redrafted text. Other collaborative activity has covered timelines, grid, statutory designations, and working practices for pre-examination meetings, hearings and inquiries.

## Acting on abnormal loads

Scottish Renewables brought together a practitioners group including Police Scotland, The Scottish Government, hauliers, RenewableUK and our members to tackle the issues of increasing demands for abnormal load escorts. We now chair an Abnormal Loads Legislative Reform group which is seeking a longer-term solution to this problem.