

# ANNUAL REVIEW 2021-22



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ScotWind, of course, was a highlight of 2022, presenting the world's largest commercial floating wind opportunity and the potential for a £30 billion supply chain spend if it all happens. At Scottish Renewables we'd worked hard throughout the ScotWind process to ensure that its outcome delivered for our members, large and small, so we were delighted to see leases awarded and collaborations being forged as we look to capture the power of our seas in pursuit of net-zero.

Tidal's success in the fourth Contracts for Difference round is also worthy of note as a key success of 2022, as is the recognition, after hard-fought campaigns by ourselves and others, both of a role for pumped storage hydropower in the energy system of the future and of the need to reform the Transmission Network Use of System charges which are hampering the development of renewables in Scotland.

For Scottish Renewables, 2021/22 has been a membership year of growth. We now have more than 320 members, up around 15% year-on-year with the addition of many businesses which have traditionally operated in oil and gas and which are now seeking our expertise in moving across to renewables. As the energy transition accelerates we expect that growth to continue.

Our team is growing too, with the addition of a Media Manager who's already promoting the good news stories with which our industry abounds, as well as working with journalists to achieve more accurate coverage of the issues which matter. We've also been expanding our Policy team with the addition of a Policy Research & Support Officer who can spend time doing the work needed to ensure we have the most up-to-date facts and figures at our fingertips.

As we start a fresh year with much to do across all our technologies, know that as your industry body we're working hard to help you achieve your goals – and to fulfil our vision of Scotland leading the world in renewable energy.

**Claire Mack**, Chief Executive



**Scottish Renewables ends the 2021/22 membership year in a different shape to that in which it started, with a larger staff team working on behalf of more members to develop an industry which is growing more rapidly than ever.**

Twelve months ago, COP had come to Glasgow and our Year of COP campaign was concluding with calls for acceleration across the board. And then – almost, it felt, overnight – we were facing a complete 180 on onshore wind and solar, the vision for accelerated pace on renewables deployment now tied in something of a three-legged race with fracking, fossil and nuclear.

Turmoil at Westminster continued through 2022, but in Scotland we've quietly spent the last few years building our worth and credibility, shaping and moving huge bits of infrastructure to deliver massive chunks of clean, green energy – particularly offshore – and re-invented our businesses to turn towards new markets for power. In short, we're building the industry that the UK Government seemed so ambivalent about until the last couple of years.



**Our top three strategic priorities – route to market, consenting and grid access – have all seen significant policy changes over the last year with the move to annual CfDs, the development of National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) and the reform of the rules around grid access and charging all being key concerns for members.**

A move to annual CfDs has been a key Scottish Renewables ask and the announcement of annual auctions is welcomed. But we continue to argue for a more strategic, national approach to supply chain development. With the significant investment the ScotWind projects will bring, it is clear the current project-by-project approach is not enough.

The NPF4 promised much for the renewable energy industry but the draft did not live up to the ambitions. Scottish Renewables leveraged the strength of our membership's expertise to provide proposed redrafts to ensure the policy would deliver the levels of renewables deployment needed for net-zero.

The launch of the Review of Electricity Market Arrangements, the establishment of the TNUoS Task Force and proposals for a move to Locational Marginal Pricing signal the scale of changes needed to deliver an electricity grid fit for net-zero. Scottish Renewables remains deeply immersed in these processes, analysing the details, gathering evidence and championing members' views.

And I haven't even touched on the need for long-duration storage, the challenge of decarbonising heat, the unique role of marine energy and the development of a hydrogen economy. As the renewables industry grows and diversifies, your Policy team remains as tenacious as ever to ensure your voices are heard and industry's asks play a fundamental role in shaping the policy that shapes our industry.

**Morag Watson**, Director of Policy



**Things at Scottish Renewables are never quiet, but our 2021/22 membership year has been exceptional for one reason: the number of new businesses who've joined us, and the opportunities that brings.**

Most of those businesses are at the heart of the energy transition, embedded in the oil and gas supply chain and now facing the slowdown which that sector is expecting as we move towards net-zero.

The political and media attention which is focused on the transition remains intense, and is something we've responded to by launching a new Energy Transition and Supply Chain team.

The energy transition has focused attention like never before on the renewable energy industry's value proposition, and the shifting sands of Westminster politics have only added to that focus. We're now judged not just on the green megawatt hours we can provide, but on the jobs and GVA generated alongside them.

As we move from the fourth to the fifth CfD round, technologies like onshore wind and tidal will be challenged on these points as offshore wind is being now, meaning the work of Scottish Renewables will be more crucial than ever, providing an industry-wide voice for renewables and enabling the deployment we know we need for net-zero and economic growth.

Finally, a word on social media. LinkedIn is now massively more popular than it was pre-pandemic, and we're capitalising on that by investing more time and resource in the platform to support our members' posts, so please do tag us if you're active. The more we shout about activity in the industry, the more we do to reinforce that value proposition.

**Nick Sharpe**, Director of Communications and Strategy

# CAMPAIGNING FOR POLICIES TO DELIVER GROWTH

Grid charging, hydrogen, onshore and offshore wind and energy storage were all topics covered by Scottish Renewables' extensive and in-depth policy advocacy work in the 2021/22 membership year. The following pages of this Annual Review present the highlights of that work, with more detail available from our Monthly Briefing emails, which are available via the QR codes later in these pages.

## ECONOMICS AND MARKETS

**Review of Electricity Market Arrangements** – SR engaged members to produce a response to the opening REMA consultation which emphasised the need for any reforms to support investment in renewable generation and flexibility assets. Building on our previous work opposing Locational Marginal Pricing, our response urged BEIS to rule out LMP from further consideration in the REMA process.

**Hydrogen business models** – SR has been representing member views to BEIS as the development of the Hydrogen Business Model has continued and we were glad to welcome the first allocation round that was held this year.

**Contracts for Difference** – we welcomed the move to annual CfD auctions and have also been arguing for a more strategic approach to supply chain development via responses to series of BEIS consultations on Supply Chain Plans. With almost 28GW of capacity announced through ScotWind, it is imperative that these projects deliver for the Scottish supply chain and SR will continue to advocate to this end.

**Economic impact of renewables** – SR worked with the Fraser of Allander institute to produce the latest estimates of the economic impact of Scotland's renewable energy sector. The results showed that our sector supported over 27,000 jobs and £5.6 billion of output in 2020 and the publication of the report promoted significant positive media coverage.

**Pumped storage hydro** – SR has continued to advocate for the development of a cap and floor mechanism for long-duration storage. We reiterated the importance of support for long duration storage and the flexibility services PSH provides in our REMA response and welcomed BEIS' announcement that a support mechanism will be developed by the end of 2024.

## GRID & SYSTEMS

**Tack Force on charging** – a TNUoS Task Force has been implemented and Scottish Renewables awarded a seat on the group. The Task Force was set up to develop a review of electricity transmission charges with the intention of improving the current regime with benefits that can be realised within the next five years.

**Access and Forward-Looking Charges Significant Code Review** – Scottish Renewables influenced the final decision of the Access and Forward-Looking Charges Significant Code Review to ensure renewables are treated fairly in the electricity network. After our intervention, Ofgem agreed to reduce the overall connection charge faced by those connecting to the distribution network, ensure that a standardised non-firm access option is available for larger network users and introduce clear curtailment limits and end dates for non-firm access arrangements.

**Locational Marginal Pricing** – The Policy and Communications teams worked together to react to the possible implementation of LMP in the GB system. We have engaged with Ofgem and the NGESO to advocate our concerns on the matter and submitted a consultation response to Ofgem illustrating that LMP could threaten our commitment to net-zero. We are, of course, continuing to work on this issue.

**RIIO-ED2** – our consultation response argued clearly that the current approach for the next price control puts the speed of connections required for low-carbon generation at risk - speed which is essential to meet our net-zero carbon commitments.

**Offshore Transmission Network Review** – Scottish Renewables has engaged with Ofgem and BEIS through consultation responses and meetings to make sure that regulation enables the connection of the target of 50GW of offshore wind by 2030.

**Holistic Network Design** – we were awarded a seat in the Central Design Group of the HND. The purpose of this group is to make sure that the design of the transmission network enables the connection of 25GW of ScotWind projects by 2030 and 50GW of offshore wind by 2030 in the UK.

**Storage** – in partnership with RenewableUK, SR hosted two in-person workshops to discuss policy barriers and solutions for constrained storage. The first workshop explored what improvements could be made to the management and operation of storage within a constraint area, market rules, roles and responsibilities. The second focused on the ESO Network Options Assessment process and optimisation of storage across different timescales.





## SOLAR

**Promoting solar policy** – Scottish Renewables called for The Scottish Government to adopt a target for 4-6GW of solar to be deployed in Scotland by 2030.

**Working with stakeholders** – in our 2021/22 membership year we have worked more closely with Solar Energy Scotland and discussed regularly how to collaborate further.

**Solar in wider government policy** – worked with SPM Onshore Wind on a response to NatureScot's draft guidance on general pre-application and scoping advice for solar farms.

**Supporting members** – wrote a Solar Strategy Briefing on what could be part of a Scottish Government Solar Vision as part of a refresh of The Scottish Government's Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan.

**Domestic EPCs** – we responded to a Scottish Government consultation on reforming Domestic Energy Performance Certificates, arguing for their strengthening and that they should incorporate renewables, particularly solar.

## HYDROGEN

**Position statement sets out priorities** – worked with members to set out a policy position statement on green hydrogen which states the huge economic benefits to Scotland if it develops a green hydrogen economy. The position statement contains recommendations to both the UK and Scottish Governments.

**Supporting members** – set up a Green Hydrogen - Ambitions Policy Working Group, made up of members with a strong interest in renewable hydrogen policy.

**Promoting renewable hydrogen** – we responded to UK Government consultations on a hydrogen business model, a low-carbon hydrogen standard and the Net-Zero Hydrogen Fund, setting out the concerns of members and emphasising that green, renewable hydrogen should be the priority at all opportunities.

**Building a network** – we meet regularly with the head of the Hydrogen Team at The Scottish Government to raise member concerns and interests.

**Low Carbon Fuels Strategy** – worked with RenewableUK to comment on renewable hydrogen's inclusion in the Low Carbon Fuels Strategy.

**Action plan** – responded to The Scottish Government's draft Hydrogen Action Plan and strongly recommended that The Scottish Government clearly delineate green renewable hydrogen as the goal of the hydrogen economy in Scotland. Green hydrogen must be prioritised in the short term to ensure Scotland 'learns by doing' and creates early-mover economic opportunities.

## ONSHORE RENEWABLES

**Onshore Wind Vision + Sector Deal** – SR is leading the conversation between the renewable energy industry and The Scottish Government to establish a Vision and Sector Deal for onshore wind for Scotland. The aim is to capture the needs and ambitions of The Scottish Government and Scottish wind industry to act as an enabling tool for the delivery of an additional minimum of 12GW of onshore wind capacity in Scotland by 2030.

**Onshore Wind Policy Statement Refresh** – we actively engaged with stakeholders and responded to key themes such as barriers to deployment, positive environmental impacts, community benefits and shared ownership, circular economy and supply chain opportunities.

**Abnormal Loads Escorts Issue** – SR has led the formation of three collaborative stakeholder groups and is continuing to work closely with our affected members, RenewableUK colleagues, Police Scotland, The Scottish Government and hauliers to find solutions to this issue.

## PLANNING & CONSENTS

**National Planning Framework (NPF4)** – To ensure that Scotland has a net-zero driven planning system which supports the level of renewable energy deployment needed to fight climate change, we have undertaken a proactive programme of engagement working collaboratively with RenewableUK and Energy UK colleagues, given evidence at the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, responded to The Scottish Government's Call for Views consultation and submitted a proposed redraft of NPF4.

**Planning Conference** – With planning reform a key concern for our members, our inaugural Planning Conference brought together leading experts and decision makers to map out the policy changes required, examine business opportunities as well as the obstacles which lie ahead and consider the system changes needed to enable renewables deployment at pace and scale.

## IN OUR 2021/22 MEMBERSHIP YEAR WE RESPONDED TO OR ENGAGED WITH THE FOLLOWING PLANNING & CONSENTS-RELATED MATTERS:

1. **Call for Evidence: Draft National Planning Framework 4**
2. **Call for Evidence: Role of Local Government in Delivering a Net-Zero Scotland**
3. **Consultative Draft: Onshore Wind Policy Statement Refresh 2021**
4. **Consultation: Draft NPF4**
5. **DPEA Review of Working Practices – Pre-examination Meetings, Hearings, and Inquiries: Options for a Future Operating Model**
6. **Recommendations of Reform: Electricity Act 1989 (EA1989)**
7. **Call for Ideas: The Future for National Parks in Scotland**
8. **Draft General Pre-application and Scoping Advice for Solar Farms**
9. **Draft Section 36 Consent Standard Conditions**
10. **Proposed Changes to Fees Payable under S36, 36C, 37 of the Electricity Act**
11. **Consultation: Proposed Flow Country World Heritage Site & Boundary**
12. **Consultation: Scottish Biodiversity Strategy 2022**
13. **Consultation: Proposed World Heritage Site Draft Management Plan**
14. **Consultation: Land Reform Bill**

## OFFSHORE RENEWABLES

**Support for ScotWind** – we've worked hard throughout the ScotWind Leasing process to ensure the best result for members and welcomed the incredible announcement from Crown Estate Scotland that 17 new offshore wind projects would be taken forward, with the additional clearing round announced in August adding up to a further 3GW from three further projects around Shetland. SR produced a handy graphic to show just how important these projects are to delivering extensive socio-economic benefits.

**OWIC involvement** – SR has worked over the course of the year to enhance our engagement with UK-level Offshore Wind Industry Council groups and to streamline our own industry engagement structure with the Scottish Offshore Wind Energy Council to reduce duplication and increase the profile of our members in the governance process.

**OTNR, HND and TNUoS** – a key element of our TNUoS campaign was to assess the impact of the level and volatility of these charges on our offshore sector. We also represented the interests of our members on the Offshore Transmission Network Review and Holistic Network Design groups.

**Habitats Regulation action** – used the expertise of SR members to help shape and author two key reports on habitats regulation to contribute to and progress the debate on environmental assessment and impacts. These were published through the SOWEC Barriers to Deployment group.

Michal Wachucik/Equinor

**INTOG work aids industry** – we supported the marine planning process for INTOG through consultation with members and by presenting views into the Sectoral Marine Plan assessment.

**AR4 goes tidal** – Scottish Renewables was absolutely delighted that, after years of outlining the benefits that tidal can bring to the energy system to the UK Government, a ringfenced financial pot within Auction Round Four was delivered.

**Marine input to Energy Strategy** – worked with SR members and the Scottish Marine Energy Industry Group to produce three papers to offer a view of the pathway for projects in the coming years. The three papers focused on route to market, pipeline and supply chain and will form part of the industry's input to the upcoming Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan as well as further advocacy work for the wave and tidal sectors.

## LOW-CARBON HEAT

**Promoting heat** – submitted a response to the House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee's inquiry into Geothermal Technologies for Net-Zero, highlighting the need for policy and regulatory support in Scotland for geothermal technologies, especially as sources of heat for heat networks.

**Heat in wider government policy** – worked with The Scottish Government and Skills Development Scotland to discover what skills and how many jobs would be needed to meet the 2030 heat decarbonisation targets and government's target of a million homes and 50,000 non-domestic properties to install zero-direct-emissions heating by 2030.

**Working with members** – set up two Policy Working Groups - one on Heat Networks Actions and one on Financing Green Heat – to collect views and solve issues alongside members.

**Heat networks regulations** – worked with Scottish Renewables' Communications team to make amendments to the Heat Networks (Scotland) Act 2021, such as asking for a Local Authority Cost Strategy, and gained clarity around existing heat networks and commitments to consult on a potential obligation to connect. SR is helping to draft and comment on the regulations coming from the Act.

**Leading on finance** – SR is now a core member of the Scottish Government's Green Heat Finance Taskforce, examining who will pay for the transition to renewable heat (and how).

**Budgeting for action** – argued for low-carbon heat measures to be emphasised in The Scottish Government's energy efficiency support schemes through its Budget.



# TELLING OUR STORY

## MEDIA

**Boosting our capacity** – in 2022 we've invested on behalf of members to hire a new Media Manager, providing us with the capacity we need to answer enquiries from journalists and tell the positive stories of with which our industry is filled.

**Awarded for our work** – during the Coronavirus pandemic Scottish Renewables worked hard to place renewables at the heart of a green economic recovery at Holyrood and Westminster, and we're pleased to say that the work we did to raise media coverage of that aim was recognised with a Better Society Energy Award in 2021.

**Fighting for renewables** – much of the time Scottish Renewables' Comms team spends with the media is dedicated to defending our industry. Notable examples in 2021/22 included providing strongly-worded rebuttals on offshore wind issues (supported by members) and changing the direction of an article on community benefit payments and wholesale price increases.

**Providing accurate comment** – worked with journalists to provide accurate, referenced data and comment in response to 112 media enquiries.



**Proactive media** – created 55 press releases and proactive statements for local, national, international and trade media on a range of topics including ScotWind Leasing results, reform of the TNUoS transmission charging regime and the number of jobs supported by the renewable energy sector.

**Extended reach** – appearances on BBC and STV broadcast news, in publications including The Scotsman, The Times, The Herald, The Guardian, Energy Voice, reNews and more.

## DIGITAL

**Social media following** – on LinkedIn we have seen a 36.2% year-on-year increase in follower numbers to 22,102. We're now investing in training to ensure we make the best of this increase and can properly support our members on social media. In addition, twitter followers have also risen 6.3% year-on-year.

**Supply chain page** – we have updated our website to include a dedicated supply chain page which offers useful resources for suppliers looking to grow their business and make the most of the green energy project pipeline.

**Blogs** – Scottish Renewables' popular blog series continues with 159 postings to date covering a series of topics including Locational Marginal Pricing and its threat to Great Britain's renewable energy growth; how NPF4 could hinder our transition to a renewables-led energy system and the economic impact of ScotWind.

**Social showcase** – in the run up to the inaugural Net-Zero Energy Transition Awards we launched a Social Media Supply Chain Showcase to celebrate suppliers who are supporting the deployment of renewable energy technology across Scotland and beyond.



## PUBLICATIONS

**Supporting Scottish businesses** – worked with members to update and enhance our publication highlighting the economic benefits the renewable energy industry brings to Scottish supply chain businesses. For the first time, this key publication includes all renewable energy technologies.

**Simplifying supply chain needs** – our Supply Chain Campaign was backed up by a publication, Supporting Scotland's Renewable Energy Supply Chain, which set out actions The Scottish Government could take to back home-grown businesses. It included a request for a Low-Carbon Industrial Strategy which includes a Supply Chain Plan.

**Factsheets set out local benefits** – renewable energy's benefits to Scotland's regions were highlighted in a series of factsheets which we launched ahead of May's local government elections.

**Beyond COP** – our Beyond COP26 – Next Steps For Scotland's Clean Energy Revolution publication, launched on Energy Day at COP26, set out five key recommendations The Scottish Government should action to accelerate the pace of the transition to a net-zero society and advance Scotland's position as a world leader in low-carbon energy.





# TELLING OUR STORY

## IN THE PARLIAMENTS

### WESTMINSTER

**Face time** – the 2021/22 membership year saw Scottish Renewables meet with 28 MPs and UK Government Ministers, including among others Alister Jack MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, and Stephen Flynn MP, SNP Shadow Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

**Busy with events** – keeping MPs informed about the requirements of Scotland's renewable energy industry means holding events, which our engagement programme delivered. We held a TNUoS roundtable with SNP MPs; a roundtable with Alister Jack MP which was co-produced with the UK Government in Scotland; a roundtable with Stephen Flynn MP, SNP Shadow Secretary of State for Scotland, and a Westminster Parliamentary Reception attended by 18 MPs and many Scottish Renewables members.

**MP visits** – our visit to the European Offshore Wind Deployment Centre with Vattenfall included two MPs: Stephen Flynn and Richard Thomson. We also hosted Lord Malcolm Offord on a visit to Scottish Renewables' office in central Glasgow where he met with our Chief Executive among others.

### THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

**Face to face** – in-person engagement remained key in 2021/22 and we delivered a meeting programme on behalf of members which targeted new and returning MSPs and recently appointed Ministers. Collectively we met with 80 MSPs and Ministers, including the First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport.

**Breakfast of champions** – we held two Renewable Energy Breakfast events (for north and south of Scotland MSPs) and a Parliamentary exhibition, as well as seven roundtables with SNP and opposition parties. We also held two briefings for SNP MSPs on NPF4 and the supply chain.

**Conferences** – SR manned a virtual stand at SNP Annual National Conference and an in-person stand at the Scottish Conservative Party Conference.

**Out and about with politicians** – our successful visits programme linked onshore and offshore wind and renewable heat members with a variety of politicians from across the political spectrum. On heat, Daniel Johnson MSP and Paul Sweeny MSP visited the Queens Quay Renewable Heat project, while Lorna Slater MSP, Minister for Green Skills, Biodiversity and Circular Economy, visited Star Renewables in Glasgow. On wind power, Audrey Nicoll MSP and Jackie Dunbar MSP visited the European Offshore Wind Deployment Centre with Scottish Renewables and Vattenfall, while Foysoil Choudhury MSP took a trip to Pearie Law wind farm near Livingston.

**Committee appearances** – our Director of Policy twice gave evidence to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, once on the role of local government and its cross-sectoral partners in financing and delivering a net-zero Scotland and again on NPF4.





# TELLING OUR STORY

## ENERGY TRANSITION AND SUPPLY CHAIN

**Developing a presence** – our work on the energy transition focuses on the supply chain, hydrogen and Scotland’s export opportunities. In 2022 we created a new role, Head of Energy Transition and Supply Chain, to oversee this work. Two supporting posts will be recruited in the 2022/23 membership year.

**Growing our network** – our Supply Chain Forum continued to grow, with more than 250 members now signed up. See the Digital and Campaigning sections of this Annual Review for more on how we’ve been developing our influence in this important area. We’re also members of the Scottish Offshore Wind Energy Council’s Supply Chain & Clusters and Collaborative Framework working groups and the Procurement and Tendering Enhancement Task Force.



**Reaching out** – our Head of Energy Transition and Supply Chain held more than 180 one-to-one meetings in the 2021/22 membership year, growing our knowledge and helping new and prospective members expand their presence.

**External focus** – Scottish Renewables has attended dozens of events to talk about our energy transition and supply chain work including Subsea Expo, Global Offshore Wind, Scottish Engineering Awards, All-Energy, COP26 and the launch of the Scottish Hydrogen Train Project.

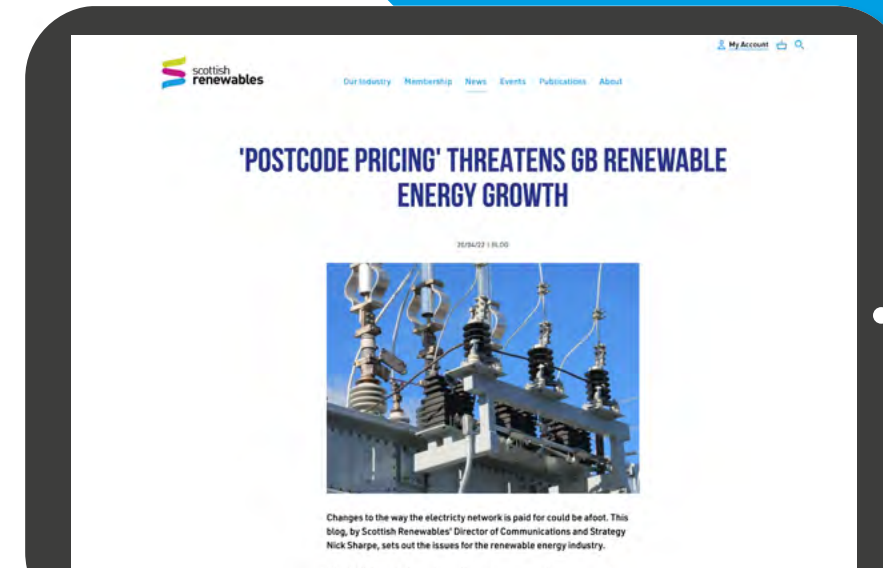
## CAMPAIGNING

**Measuring our success** – work to understand the scale of our sector, carried out on Scottish Renewables’ behalf by the Fraser of Allander Institute, found that job numbers and GVA from renewables had increased. We used this work to call for more clarity from both the UK and Scottish governments as we move towards net-zero.

**Locational Marginal Pricing** – we acted quickly to simplify Locational Marginal Pricing (or ‘Postcode Pricing’) for members as well as to publicise the issue to a wider audience before it develops further, working with the Herald on Sunday to achieve front-page coverage, with that article being the subject of a Parliamentary question by Emma Roddick MSP.

**Setting out our supply chain position** – in 2022 we launched a new campaign calling on The Scottish Government to deliver crucial support for the country’s low-carbon supply chain – or risk home-grown firms missing out on lucrative contracts. The campaign, Supporting Scotland’s Renewable Energy Supply Chain, outlined recommendations to maximise the economic benefits of our renewable energy projects, grow the renewable energy supply chain in Scotland and ensure a just transition for suppliers across all green energy technologies.

**Completing COP26** – our 2021/22 membership year included the completion of our Year of COP Campaign, delivering a Year of COP Reception in Glasgow on Energy Day of the United Nations’ event, and partnered with the Scotland Office to deliver its Day of Net-Zero. Our Reception was attended by Scottish, UK and international delegates and politicians.





# EVENTS

Scottish Renewables events are more than just a chance to hear from the people at the heart of our industry about the issues which matter - they're a place to connect and network, as well as a chance to step back from the daily grind and think strategically about the future direction of your business.

**Packed events calendar** – 18 events in 2021/22 spanning the technologies which Scottish Renewables represents.

**Attendance and popularity** – Scottish Renewables' events in 2021/22 were attended by more than 4,150 delegates, with most people who offered feedback finding the events informative and ranking them either good or excellent.

**Moving back to normal** – we continued to offer virtual events /elements but shifted more to in-person events, following demand from industry for face-to-face networking.

**Tackling topical issues** – we continued to respond to a rapidly-changing policy environment, running seminars looking at the role of energy networks in the transition to net-zero and how to get your onshore wind project approved, given the target of 12GW of additional onshore wind by 2030. We also ran an energy-transition-themed seminar focusing on the offshore wind industry in Aberdeen for the first time.

**Focus on diversity** – we've continued to deliver on a commitment to increase gender diversity at our events. From October 2021 to September 2022 we saw the average proportion of female speakers at our events rise for the fourth year, from 43% to 50%.



# MEMBERSHIP

In 2021/22, Scottish Renewables conducted interviews with member organisations with a view to ensure that we are continuing to deliver the best possible service and benefits package for our members. The research allowed us to build on the member survey of 2020/21 and will help ensure that our membership benefits remain effective and relevant for industry. If there's anything about our membership offering you'd like to discuss, we're always here to help - you can find all the contact details you'll need on the Our Team page of our website.

**Growing our membership** – in 2021/22, the number of member organisations grew by 17%, strengthening industry's voice and the breadth of knowledge and experience within our network. Many of those businesses are at the heart of the energy transition, embedded in the oil and gas supply chain and now facing the slowdown which that sector is expecting as we move towards net-zero.

**Growing the team to enhance our policy, communications, and operational resource** – SR's Policy team has grown to a team of seven, with more support to provide key industry data and statistics. In late 2021/22, we also welcomed a Media Manager to help communicate the positive impact of the

renewables industry and a Director of Operations to ensure the organisation continues to run effectively as we and the sector continue to grow.

**Continuing to enhance the member benefits package on supply chain for existing and new supply chain members** – building on SR's work to support existing and new supply chain members we introduced a new Supply Chain Forum as a response to demand from members. This work will continue to see SR support those looking to develop their business by helping them to identify key opportunities in the pipeline, providing insight on the renewables market and helping them showcase their capabilities and success.

**Increasing interaction** – following the positive response to the introduction of the Onshore Wind and Planning Working Groups in 2020/21, we now have a total of 11 working groups with plans to establish a solar working group in 2022/23.



For more detail on everything in our Annual Review 2021/22 – and to see how our policy and communications work developed as the year progressed – you can read every one of our monthly briefing emails in the publications section of our website, or via the QR codes below.





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