

RENEWABLE ENERGY EVENT

March 19-21 2003

The Western Isles Alternative and Renewable Energy Partnership (WIAREP) will host a major Renewable Energy event 19-21 March 2003. It will consist of a Conference and a Community Energy event running in parallel.

The conference will provide a focus on the Western Isles and its renewable energy potential. It will set the scene for renewables in Europe, examine the context for renewables in the Western Isles, provide information on current Western Isles projects and help plan for the future. The Conference will be broadcast live over the internet and public access to the internet will be facilitated throughout the islands - see www.cne-siar.gov.uk/wiarep

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Wednesday 19 (evening)

Conference Registration will be in the evening. A light buffet will be followed by the opening of the conference and a key note address. The atmosphere of this opening evening will be informal and allow ample opportunity to meet all

Thursday 20 (all day)

The programme will begin at 9am and will focus on an overview of the islands potential for renewables, how the community can play a part and the prospects in the marine environment. An informal Ceilidh/buffet will finish off the day in Hebridean style.

Friday 21 (morning only)

Friday will discuss major wind energy developments in the Western Isles and the potential for related local manufacturing. The Conference will hear from Guest of Honour European Transport and Energy Commissioner - Loyola de Palacio and leading renewables expert - Sir Mark Moody-Stuart. Conference will be brought to a close by an address from UK Energy Minister Brian Wilson MP.



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COMMUNITY EVENT PROGRAMME

The Community Event, based in the Town Hall Stornoway, will provide an opportunity for the wider community to drop in and view the live internet broadcast of the conference. It will provide workshop sessions for school children/teachers and will inform the general public and community groups on a wide range of matters relating to energy conservation and use of power from renewable sources. An open forum discussion with a panel of experts will take place on Thursday evening 20 March.

The community event will be open to anyone with an interest in the subject including local businesses, offering free access to information with an opportunity for questions and discussion with those working in the subject area, including the Highlands and Islands Enterprise Community Energy Unit and the Western Isles Community Action for Energy (CAFE) project.

Displays and live broadcast of the conference running in parallel are open to all for the entire duration of the Community Event.

Thursday 20

Programme for School children on energy conservation and renewable energy, including presentations and a wind energy workshop (by invitation).

Thursday 20 (evening)

“How communities can benefit from renewable energy projects” – open to all, with examples from the field, a presentation of some models of community participation, questions and discussion.

Friday 21

Programme for (second group of) School children on energy conservation and renewable energy, including presentations and a wind energy workshop (by invitation).

To keep a track of event news at: -

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AIMS OF WIAREP

- Promote renewable and sustainable energy projects in the Western Isles.
- Improve the co-ordination of activity in this field between interested parties in the Western Isles.
- Work collectively with local organisations, Government and industry to develop the potential of the Western Isles as a focus for energy innovations.
- Provide a strategic view for renewable energy developments in the Western Isles which can help minimise impact on landscapes and habitats of national/international importance.
- Develop and implement an action plan that maximises the local environmental, social and economic benefit from renewable energy resource and sustainable energy schemes.
- Help expand the Western Isles economy by advising and assisting companies to meet the challenges and opportunities in alternative and renewable energy.
- Identify measures needed to encourage the development of energy related projects.
- Provide information and services for the benefit of members of the Partnership.
- Investigate the feasibility of a self sustaining energy development organisation for the Western Isles.

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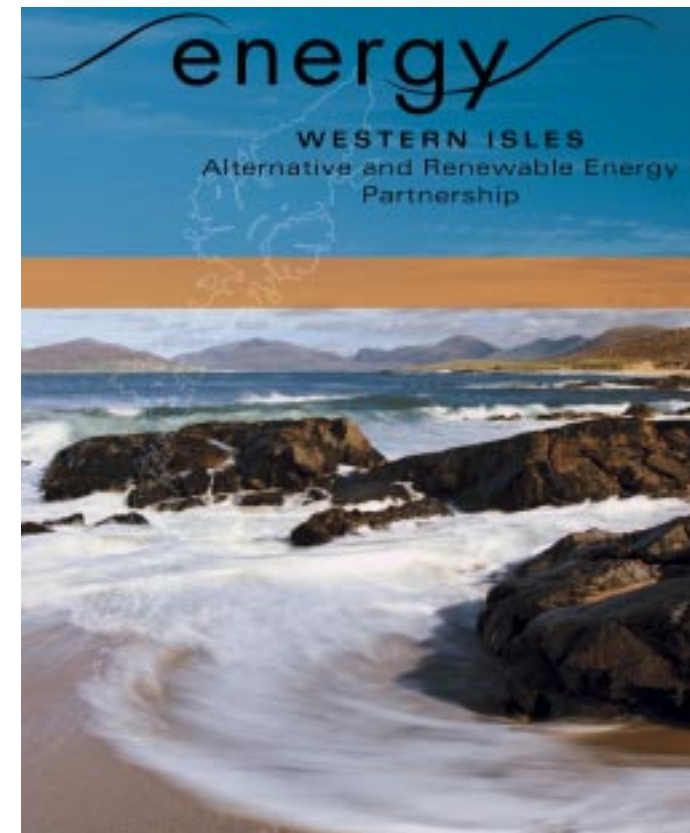


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| 2 Royal Hotel | 6 Community Event |
| 3 County Hotel | 7 Golf Club |
| 4 Seaforth Hotel | |

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