

A round-up of events the SR team  
have attended and where you can  
find them next.



# OUT AND ABOUT

## DECEMBER 2024



**Dear member,**

It's been another brilliant year for the Scottish Renewables team.

This will be our last "Out and About" email of 2024, which keeps our members updated with the events we've attended and offers an insight into what we've got coming up in our calendars in the weeks and months ahead.

Over the past 12 months the company has now grown to employ 31 team members and has organised over 18 events which have welcomed more than 7,450 delegates.

We would like to thank you all for making 2024 another memorable year for the renewables industry and we wish you a happy new year ahead!

## WHERE HAVE WE BEEN?



### **UK and European Wind Energy Policy & Investment Summit**

**London | September 30**

Mark Richardson hosted a panel at City & Financial Global's [UK and European Wind Energy Policy & Investment Summit](#) in London on September 30, 2024. Mark moderated an engaging panel on 'Powering the Future: investments and

innovations in the UK and European offshore wind energy sector'.

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## **World Hydrogen Congress**

### **Copenhagen | October 1-3**

Morag Watson attended the World Hydrogen Congress to speak on the emergence of hydrogen policy and how policy development addresses the blue/green debate. The event brought together experts from across the world to discuss accelerating the development of the hydrogen economy.

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## **EIA Conference**

### **Edinburgh | October 3**

Megan Amundson opened the conference with Jo Wotton of LUC to provide updates to the Scottish Onshore Wind Sector Deal. The conference covered a number of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) IA related issues including updates to streamlining EIA reports and scoping and new guidance for National Planning Framework 4, Policy 2.

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## **Peatland Expert Advisory Group on - Site Visit**

### **Abington | October 8**

Megan Amundson joined the Peatland Expert Advisory Group for an on-site visit to SSE Renewable's Clyde Wind Farm to look at examples of peatland restoration on a wind farm.

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## **Launch of the National Energy System Operator (NESO)**

### **Edinburgh | October 9**

Morag Watson, Stephen McKellar and Holly Thomas were all fortunate enough to attend the celebratory launch event of the National Energy System Operator (NESO) following its first day on October 1. Joined by NESO's CEO, Fintan Slye, the team were able to hear NESO's vision for Clean Power and speak with senior members and NESO representatives.

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## **Floating Offshore Wind Conference**

### Aberdeen | October 9-10

Scottish Renewables and RenewableUK were pleased to deliver Floating Offshore Wind 2024 in Aberdeen in October. The 2024 Floating Offshore Wind Conference provided a unique opportunity to secure and advance the future of floating offshore wind at a pivotal moment.



### RenewableUK Global Offshore Wind Awards 2024

#### London | October 15

Mark Richardson and Laura Russell attended the RenewableUK Global Offshore Wind Awards where the offshore wind industry gathered to celebrate achievements and excellence across the sector.

### Ardersier Energy Transition Facility - Site Visit

#### Inverness | October 21

The SR team were invited to the Ardersier Energy Transition Facility to attend an educational tour. The team got an update on the port's progress towards completion and got to view the scale of its operations.




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## Supply Chain Networking Reception

### Inverness | October 22

SR held another successful networking reception on October 22 at the Kingsmills Hotel in Inverness. Attendees heard from Highlands and Island’s Enterprise David Oxley and the US Consul General Katherine Porter at the reception which allowed for valuable networking opportunities and plenty of potential future collaborations between delegates.




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## Energy on Clyde launch event – Gren Energy

### Glasgow | October 22

Helen Melone attended the Green Energy launch event for their potential new heat network, which they want to be the largest in Scotland. The intent is for them to capture waste heat from the Energy from Waste site at the South Clyde Energy Centre, which is under construction.



## Hydrogen Scotland Conference

**Glasgow | October 29-30**

Morag Watson and Maggie Olson-Jow attended the Hydrogen Scotland Conference to build stronger links between renewables and the hydrogen sectors. Morag and Maggie engaged with members to highlight the importance and growth of the hydrogen sector.

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## Nesta's Policy Plan for Clean Heat in Scotland

**Edinburgh | October 30**

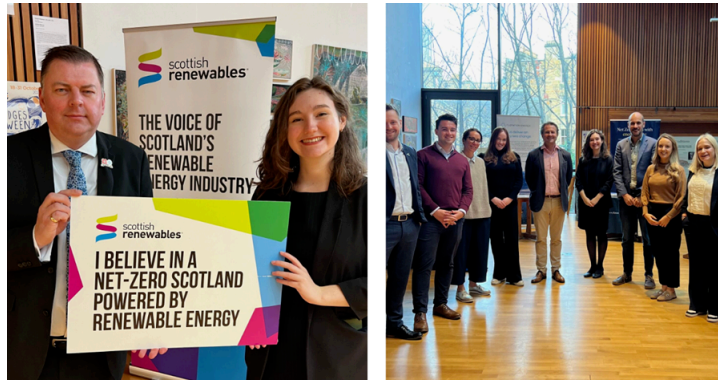
Helen Melone attended and took part in this Stage 1 workshop led by Nesta to find innovative policy solutions to decarbonising heat at scale. Topics in the workshop included affordability and fossil fuel phase-out, delivery of heat pumps and consumer confidence. The workshop also discussed Nesta's policy options for the rebalancing of energy bills.

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## Renewable Energy Breakfast for MSPs

**Edinburgh | October 31**

On October 31, Scottish Renewables held the latest breakfast event for MSPs in Edinburgh. Joined by SSEN Transmission, Fred. Olsen Renewables, RWE, Flotation Energy and SAV Systems, the event offered cross-party MSPs the opportunity to meet members of Scottish Renewables and hear their priorities. If you are interested in future events with MSPs, please [contact Jack](#) or [Amanda](#).



## First Marine Solutions – Site Visit

### Montrose | October 31

Emma Harrick and Sophie Pacitti visited new members, First Marine Solutions, to understand their current position and future in the renewable energy sector. The visit gave a tangible view of the size of its operations with the miles of mooring chains and tonnes of anchors stored at its collaborator's facility, Montrose Port Authority.



## Malin Group and Star Refrigeration Event

### Glasgow | October 31

Morag Watson and Helen Melone attended the Malin Group and Star Refrigeration Event to learn about their collaboration to develop B-Neatpump which is a river barge-mounted water-sourced heat pump suitable for city-scale heat networks.

## NESO Customer Connections Seminar

### London | November 5

Holly Thomas attended the National Energy System Operator's (NESO) Customer Connections seminar in London on the day of their Clean Power by 2030 recommendations

publication. The event dove into the detail informing Connections Reform and the various processes proposed to facilitate these changes and was a chance to discuss industry's initial reactions to the plans.



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## **The Next Steps for Heat Networks in Scotland**

**Stirling | November 5**

Helen Melone attended the Danish Embassy's and Scottish Cities Alliance heat seminar on the different parts of the policy and supply chain needed to scale up district heat networks. Denmark has a long experience in heat networks at scale, with 63% of all building heat supplied by heat networks. This event was part of a larger Liveable Cities event organised by the Royal Danish Embassy in London aiming to bring together best practices from Denmark and Scotland in architecture and city development.

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## **Liveable Cities: Heat Networks**

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## Ocean Energy Europe 2024

### Aviemore | November 5-6

Claire Mack and Maggie Olson-Jow attended Ocean Energy Europe's annual conference in Aviemore. Claire chaired the panel 'Surging Supply Chain – New Momentum for European Industrial Leadership,' discussing ways to continue building and embedding the UK-based supply chain for wave and tidal industries. SR also hosted a side event, 'Commercialisation at Scale: Project Finance for the Marine Sector,' with industry leaders to discuss what barriers the wave and tidal industries need to mitigate to reach commercialisation at scale.

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## InchCape Offshore Limited's offshore substation - Site Visit

### Newcastle | November 7

Stephen McKellar and Holly Thomas were lucky fortunate enough to be invited alongside industry colleagues on a site visit to the construction and final assembly of InchCape's offshore substation at Smulders' facility in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Inch Cape is working with both Siemens Energy and Smulders, as well as dozens of suppliers, on the Siemens Energy Offshore Transformer Module (OTM®) and jacket foundation to piece together the final installation that will help connect its 1.1GW offshore wind farm off the Angus coastline.





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## **EMR Wind Turbine Processing Centre - Site Visit**

**Glasgow | November 8**

Morag Watson and Jamie Blair visited European Metal Recycling's Wind Turbine Processing Centre in Glasgow for a tour of their facility and an introduction to the turbine decommissioning service they offer.

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## **Fife Council Meet-the-Buyer**

**Dunfermline | November 11**

Supply Chain's Sophie and Antigoni Markitani were invited to exhibit at Fife Council's Meet the Buyer event on November 11 at Carnegie Conference Centre. The event allowed the team to engage with new demographics and expand our knowledge on key industry topics.



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## RenewableUK Future Energy Wales Conference

**Newport | November 12**

Morag Watson attended the RenewableUK Future Energy Wales Conference to speak on lessons learned from the Scottish Onshore Wind Sector Deal and how these could be applied to a Welsh Sector Deal.

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## Second National Marine Planning Forum

**Stirling | November 13**

Mark Richardson attended the Scottish Government Marine Directorate's second National Marine Planning Forum. The forum was an opportunity to hear and share views on the National Marine Plan 2 (NMP2) Planning Position Statement as described in the updated [Statement of Public Participation and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy](#) and to explore ideas through cross-sector discussion for the draft NMP2.

## Existing Homes Alliance Panel on the Heat in Buildings Bill

Edinburgh | November 13

Helen Melone was invited to take part in a panel discussion for MSPs on the measures in the proposed Heat in Buildings Bill. She spoke about the need for heat network regulations to be fully in place, the need for the obligation to connect to be part of the Bill as well as regulations around waste heat. Read more in the Scottish Renewables [Heat Networks Vision](#) report.

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## Asper's Annual Investors' Day

London | November 13

Morag Watson attended Asper's Annual Investors' Day to present on the outlook for onshore wind in Scotland and the wider UK. It was also a great opportunity to discuss investor confidence and how financial backers view the Scottish market.

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## Scottish Green Energy Awards: Finalists Reception

Glasgow | November 14

Less than one week from The Scottish Green Energy Awards 2024, Scottish Renewables welcomed the award's finalists to their offices in Glasgow. The team had a chance to find out more about the incredible people, projects and organisations who made this year's shortlist.



## **Future of Scottish Electricity Infrastructure Consenting Panel**

### **Aberdeen | November 18**

Scottish Renewables hosted a panel event with Michael Shanks MP, Minister for Energy, and Catherine Williams, Deputy Director of Energy Consents Unit, on November 18 in Aberdeen, to discuss the Scottish and UK Government's proposals to streamline the system for determining energy infrastructure consents in Scotland.

This event provided members with an opportunity to pose questions to both governments ahead of the consultation ending on November 29. Christianna Logan, Director of Customers and Stakeholders at SSEN Transmission and Grant Douglas, Head of Planning and Environmental Policy at ScottishPower Renewables, also attended to offer their views on what the proposals mean for the delivery of transmission infrastructure.

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## **Scottish Renewables' Westminster Reception**

### **London | November 20**

On November 20, Scottish Renewables hosted a busy reception at Dover House in Westminster. Kindly sponsored by the Secretary of State for Scotland, the reception provided an opportunity for representatives of Scotland's renewable energy industry and supply chain to engage with Scottish MPs from all parties.

Kirsty McNeill MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Scotland, and Claire Mack delivered opening remarks to recognise the achievements of industry this year and highlight our shared priorities for 2025.



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## **CeeD Net-Zero Trading Zone**

### **Falkirk | November 21**

Antigoni Markitani and Sophie Pacitti were invited to attend the CeeD Net-Zero Trading Zone event on November 21 where they got to hear from ambitious start-ups wanting to grow and fund their business enterprises.

## **Scottish Seaweed Industry Association's Annual Conference 2024**

### **Oban | November 21**

Maggie Olson-Jow spoke at the Scottish Seaweed Industry Association's Annual Conference for the 'Coexistence and Shared Marine Space' panel, along with colleagues from the seaweed and fishing industry on November 21. Maggie spoke to Scotland's offshore wind opportunity while highlighting the need for a balanced, collaborative relationship with other marine users.

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## **Aira Home – Member Visit**

### **Stirling | November 27**

Emma Harrick, Sophie Pacitti and Helen Melone visited new heat member, Aira Home, at its Stirling hub, where they toured the warehouse, offices and showroom. They also met with Nicola Mahmood, Head of Region for Scotland, to learn more about its heat pump business.



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## Launch of Heat Network Vision

### Midlothian | November 28

Helen Melone, Ewan McInnes and Ella Field visited Vattenfall's newly-opened energy centre at Midlothian Energy Limited, their joint venture with Midlothian Council. This heat network when fully operational will provide low-carbon heat for thousands of Scottish homes.

At this visit, Helen spoke with STV about heat networks and a video was filmed for the launch of our [Heat Network Vision report](#).

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## UK Onshore Wind Industry Taskforce

### London | December 3

Morag Watson attended the third meeting of the UK Government's UK Onshore Wind Industry Taskforce to advance discussions on doubling the deployment of onshore wind by 2030.

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## Scottish Green Energy Awards 2025

### Edinburgh | December 5

The Scottish Renewables team has once again surpassed expectations and organised this year's Scottish Green Energy Awards with nearly 1700 attendees, recognising nominees over 14 award categories. The awards celebrate one of Scotland's most ambitious industries which grows

exponentially each year, focused on shining the spotlight on those that are worth all the accolades for moving the industry forward.

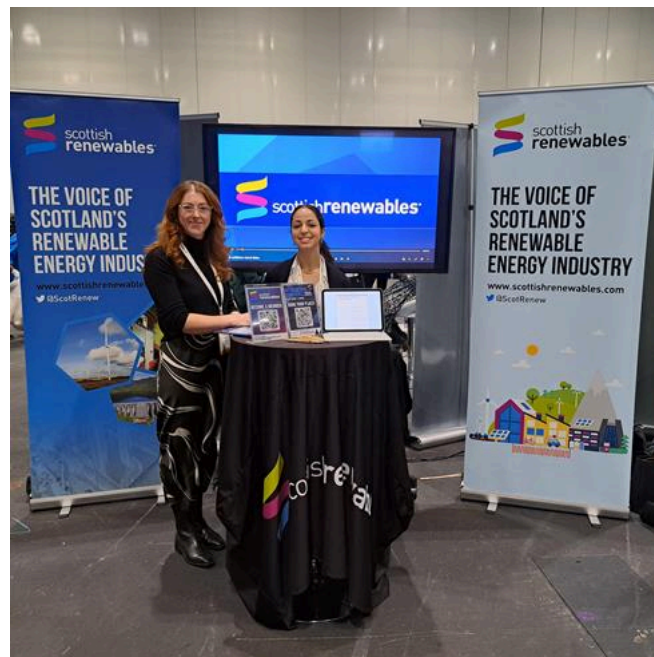
Visit the Scottish Renewables website to [view the winners.](#)



## ORE Catapult UK Offshore Wind Supply Chain Spotlight 2024

London | December 10

Supply Chain's Emma and Antigoni were invited to exhibit at the OREC UK Offshore Wind Supply Chain Spotlight 2024. Taking place at the London ExCel, the event brought together industry leaders, investors and procurement specialists and shone a light at the UK's outstanding innovation and excellence of the UK's supply chain.



**WHERE TO FIND US** 

## Offshore Wind Conference

**Glasgow | January 22-23**

Scottish Renewables' Offshore Wind Conference 2025 will gather industry leaders, government and stakeholders over two days to tackle the key barriers to deployment of supply chain enhancement and offshore wind development in Scotland and the UK.

Conference delegate, exhibition and dinner sales are now open! Secure your place today to explore ambitious goals, investment opportunities and technological advancements in supply chain and offshore wind.

Visit the Scottish Renewables website to [reserve your place](#).



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## Heat Seminar: Driving Strategic Heat Decarbonisation

**Glasgow | February 26**

Following the publication of [Scottish Renewables' National Heat Networks: A Vision for Scotland](#), this seminar will bring key industry leaders and stakeholders together to explore the actions that the Scottish and UK governments must take to deliver city-scale heat networks across Scotland and stimulate the wide-scale uptake of heat pumps.

[Book your delegate passes](#) on the Scottish Renewables website.

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## Grid & Networks Conference 2025

**Glasgow | February 27**

Secure your place today at this must-attend event to hear from experts on network reform and engage with those accelerating grid and network infrastructure development.

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## Scotland's Renewable Energy Supply Chain Conference 2025

### Aberdeen | March 13

Scotland's Renewable Energy Supply Chain Conference on 13 March 2025. This year, the event will take place in Aberdeen. To register your interest in attending or speaking at the event, please [complete this form](#).



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