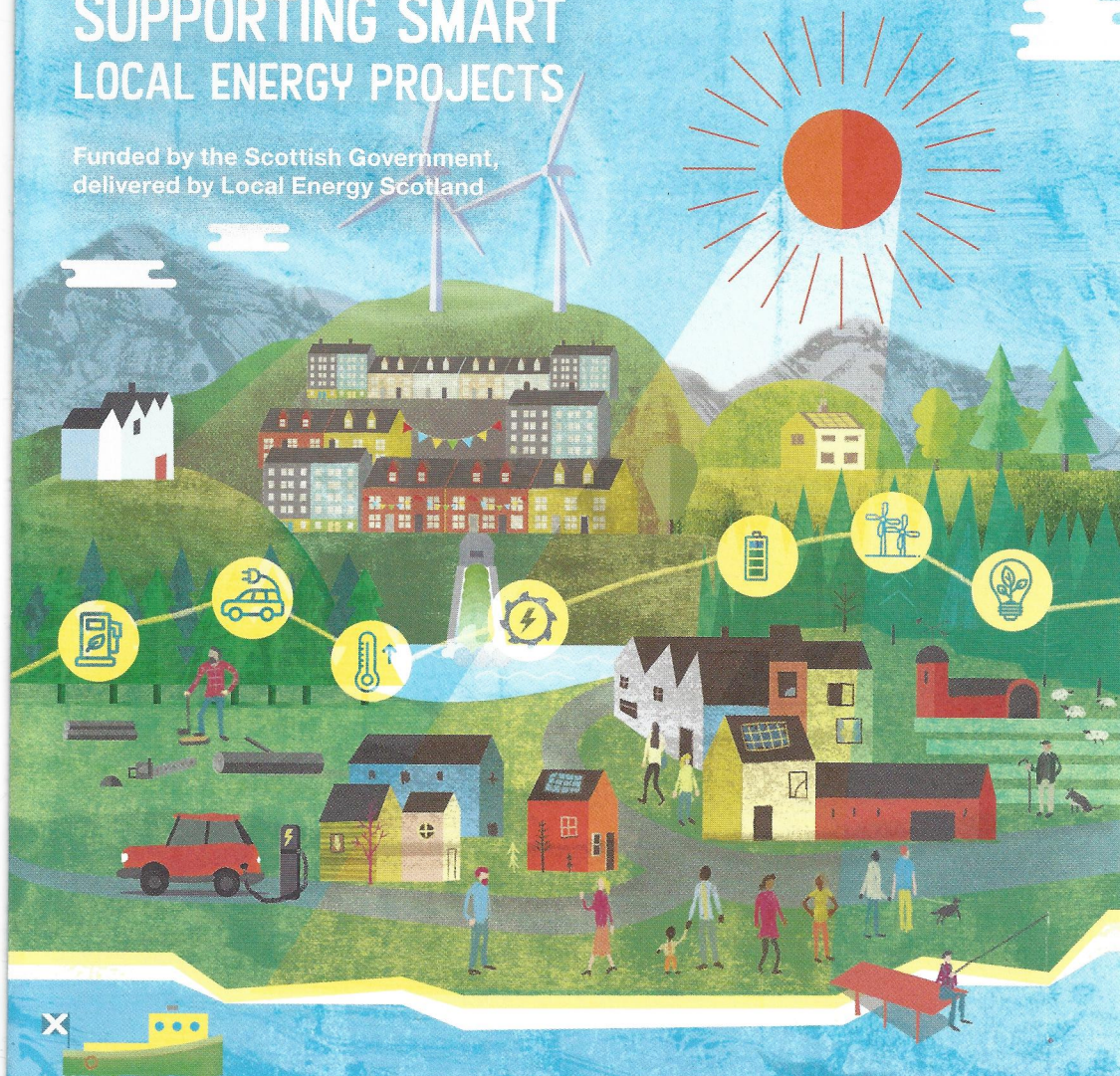


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SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL ENERGY AMBITIONS

However you take part in a local energy project, the Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES), can help you to develop and realise your ideas.

As Scotland's one-stop shop for all your local energy needs, we provide free and impartial advice, support, signposting and funding for community groups, rural businesses, social enterprises and other stakeholders to bring your local energy project to life.

CARES – Encouraging local and community ownership of renewable energy across Scotland

What is CARES?

The Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) aims to put energy into the hands of local people by enabling locally-owned renewable energy projects.

Delivered by Local Energy Scotland, CARES provides a wealth of advice and support, including access to funding, for the sometimes risky, early stages of renewable energy projects.

New, innovative and smart renewable project models are evolving – and the advice, support and funding from CARES continues to adapt and remain flexible to help projects achieve their ambitions.

Whether your interest is in community investment opportunities or in developing new energy systems, Local Energy Scotland is here to help.



OUR SERVICES – MAKING YOUR PROJECT A SUCCESS

Your project might be 100% locally owned, or you might be working in partnership with a developer as an investor or on a smart, local energy system. Whatever your project model, we offer a range of services that could help you.

Support and advice

We can provide a variety of tools and advice to help with your renewable energy project including; support with project planning, managing contractors, financial matters, shared ownership, and accessing and delivering community benefits.

Our team of development officers and energy specialists are based across Scotland and are on hand with expert advice to help you through your project journey. We can help you develop and manage your project from start to finish.

Access to grants and loans

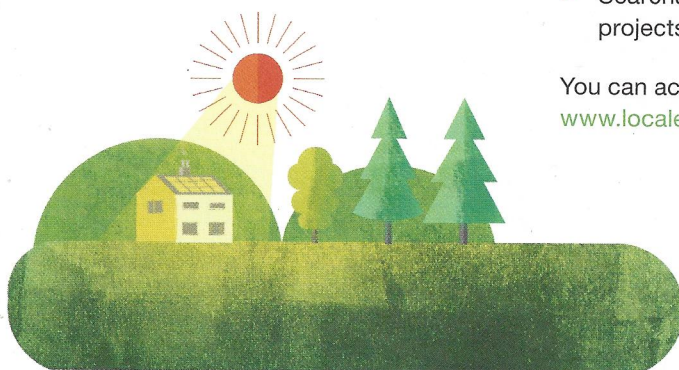
CARES provides grants and loans to support the development of local energy projects. We can help you to identify and access investment opportunities and financial support to develop your project.

Online tools and resources

We've got a range of resources on our website to help you understand more about local energy projects and help you through the development and investment processes including:

- The CARES toolkit – a downloadable guide to managing renewable energy projects.
- Video interviews and case studies.
- Good practice principles.
- Discussion forums and newsletters.
- The Local Energy Marketplace – a directory of suitable contractors, mentors and investment opportunities.
- Searchable maps of locally owned projects and community benefits.

You can access all of this information at www.localenergy.scot



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To find out more about the help available through CARES or to discuss a local energy project, get in touch and talk to us today.

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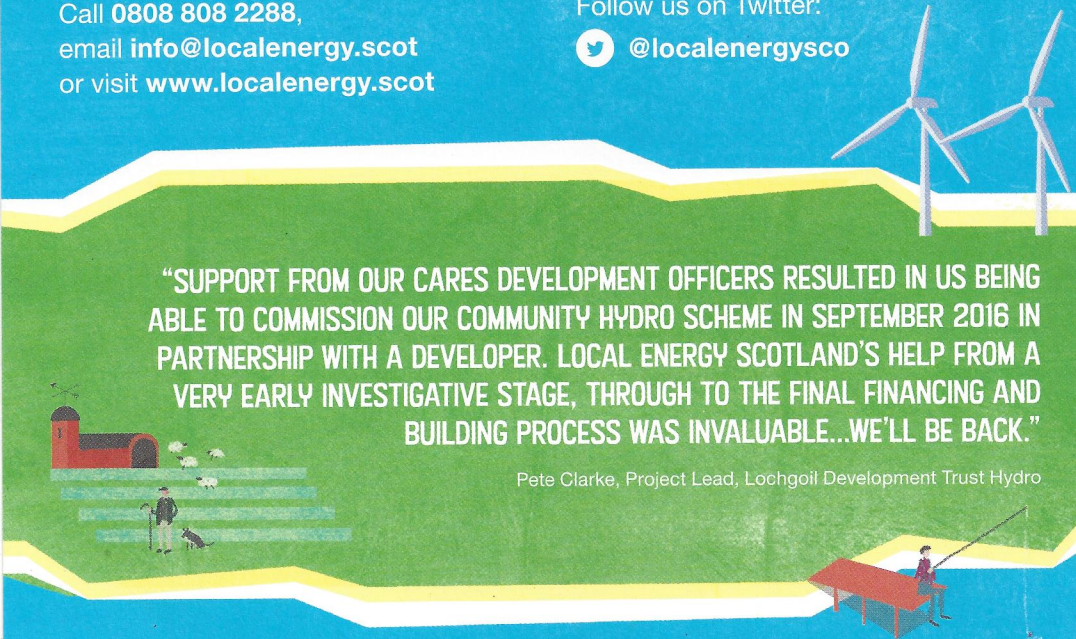
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Pete Clarke, Project Lead, Lochgoil Development Trust Hydro

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