

# OUTER HEBRIDES ENERGY SUMMIT

How Do We Best Develop Renewable and Alternative Energy Projects  
for the Benefit of the Community and Environment of the Outer Hebrides?

MONDAY 17 MARCH 2008 - AN LANNTAIR, STORNOWAY

AGENDA (Subject to change)

**10:00 Conference Registration**

**11:00 Welcome and Introduction**

Cllr. Alex MacDonald, Convener, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar

**11:10 Keynote Address**

Jim Mather, MSP, Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism

**11:40 Scene Setting**

Economy, Community, Environment and the Energy Potential

## Session One: The Economy

**11:45 Highland and Islands Enterprise**

The Potential for Energy Generation in the Development of the Economy

**12:00 Lewis Wind Power**

A Developers Perspective – Doing Business in the Outer Hebrides

**12:15 Dr. [Geoff Riddington](#)**

Key Outcomes from Recent Research into the Economic Impact of Wind Farms on Tourism

**12:30 Lews Castle College UHI**

Innovation, Research and New Technologies – We're Delivering This Locally

**12:45 Mr. Angus Brendan MacNeil, MP**

Energy and the Outer Hebrides: What Should We Aspire To?

**13:00 Lunch**

## Session Two: The Community

**14:00 Moorlands Without Turbines**

Views in Regard to the Development of Energy in the Outer Hebrides

- 14:15 Stornoway Trust**  
Can Energy Generation Support Community Aspirations?
- 14:30 Western Isles Development Trust**  
The Potential Benefits and Our Proposals to Disburse These Benefits
- 14:45 Highlands & Islands Community Energy Company**  
Community Energy Development in the Outer Hebrides – the HICEC Approach

**Session Three: The Environment**

- 15:00 Scottish Natural Heritage**  
Our Approach to Energy Development in the Outer Hebrides
- 15:15 Royal Society for the Protection of Birds**  
Our Approach to Development Applications and the Constraints on the Outer Hebrides
- 15:30 Boreas Ecology**  
The Environment and Energy: Do We Need to Adapt to Change?
- 15:45 Dr. Alasdair Allan, MSP**  
Energy: An Opportunity to be Seized?
- 16:00 Tea / Coffee**

**Session Four: Discussion and Conclusions**

- 16:30 Panel Session: Question and Answer**  
What Have You Made of What You Heard? Your Opportunity to Quiz the Speakers
- 17:30 Comhairle nan Eilean Siar**  
Conclusions and the Way Forward
- 17:45 Close**