



## Community Renewables Support



SWEA provides the local Community Renewables Initiative support team for the development of community-based renewable energy in Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and South Gloucestershire.

Support is available for community groups, small businesses, local authorities, housing associations and individual household to identify the renewable energy options appropriate to their situation, and help them to make this a reality. Services include:

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- General advice on renewable energy options
- Pre-feasibility studies
- Arrange for full feasibility studies or monitoring where required
- Help with sources of funding and making applications
- Information and awareness events
- Support for development of organisational structures for energy installations

SWEA currently provides the national coordination for this programme, managing the systems for liaison and reporting, representing the network of local teams in strategic discussions, and reviewing options for future funding.

**These services are available by arrangement beyond this core area, and beyond the limits of the core programme.**

## Local Energy Support Programme

This programme of work was developed originally as a series of annual action plans agreed with the Energy Saving Trust to support the development and enhancement of action on sustainable energy by local authorities in Gloucestershire. Following the expiry of EST funding from November 2006, SWEA continues to offer these services to local authorities on a project or fee-paying basis. Services include:

- Advice on inclusion of sustainable energy in local authority and regional strategies at all levels.
- Development and facilitation of cross-sectoral partnerships and strategic development groups, such as affordable warmth or climate change partnerships .
- Support and advice to social housing providers on sustainable energy in retrofit and new developments, including energy efficiency and renewable energy measures and behavioural change.
- Practical support for the role of Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA) and Sustainability Officers
- Briefing/training to raise awareness of sustainable energy with elected members and local authority staff
- Development of new and innovative partnerships and projects for the enhancement of sustainable energy , including concept, project development, business planning, funding proposals.and programme management.



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## Gloucestershire Energy Efficiency Advice Centre

SWEA provides the Energy Efficiency Advice Centre for Gloucestershire. Reaching 12 - 15,000 local households every year, this is part of a national network sponsored and managed by the Energy Saving Trust. The service is for all residents of the county, and includes:

- a free energy advice helpline 0800 512 012
- energy advice reports specific to each household that completes a home energy questionnaire
- awareness-raising events in partnership with a wide range of statutory and voluntary agencies
- talks on energy saving to community groups
- short training sessions on home energy saving

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## Gloucestershire Warm and Well



Warm and Well aims to reduce health problems from cold-related illness through improved energy efficiency, and operates in Gloucestershire and South Gloucestershire. The service is integrated with the advice provided through the EEAC and includes:

- briefing sessions to health and social care professionals
- promotion and awareness-raising
- referral to grants for energy efficiency works as appropriate to each household
- the provision of an integrated Gloucestershire Energy Efficiency Grants scheme, and a bulk discount scheme to complement the government Warm Front scheme, integrating funds from the local authorities and energy suppliers

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## Energy Awareness Campaigns



SWEA can plan and deliver a campaign tailor made to the audience and specific topic areas. This might for example be:

- Winter warmth / health
- Grants take-up
- Employee energy awareness / saving energy in the workplace

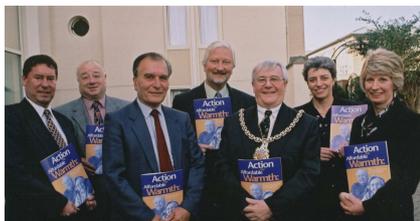
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## Strategy Development



Facilitation of process from initial working groups through research and consultation to written document.

Strategy areas generally covered are:

- Affordable warmth
- Sustainable energy / renewable energy
- Climate change
- Energy awareness / advice strategy

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## Training

The SWEA team have considerable experience of the provision of training across the sustainable energy spectrum, and can tailor-make sessions to suit the needs and level of knowledge of participants and the time available. Examples of subjects offered are:

- Climate change - evidence and action
  - implications for local authorities
  - developing a strategy
- Sustainable energy awareness – either tailor made or City and Guilds 6176 Energy Awareness (certified training as required for compliance with new Energy Advice Code of Practice, and provided by agreement with NEA).
- Giving energy advice
- Energy efficiency, affordable warmth and health
- Renewable energy technologies and policy
- Understanding and avoiding condensation damp
- Building sustainable energy into the school curriculum



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## Energy in Education



SWEA promotes an integrated approach to sustainable energy in schools, including practical and behavioural energy efficiency, the potential for renewable energy and the impact of carbon emissions.

We look at energy use in the school buildings, links to the curriculum and taking the message home.

SWEA has developed the 'Power to Change' package of activities aimed at Key Stage 2, which has been piloted with ten Gloucestershire schools as part of an Intelligent Energy Europe programme in cooperation with Gloucestershire County Council. The programme benefited from an exchange of experience between energy agencies in, Gloucestershire, London, France, Belgium, Germany, Sweden, Greece, Slovenia, Portugal

and Italy. This package is available for replication and adaptation to other local education authorities, with support from SWEA.

SWEA also offers the development of educational activities around sustainable energy for secondary schools and adult education.

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## Advice Materials

The effective provision of advice relies on the use of appropriate materials, which give the right level of detail and are in language and layout accessible to the target audience. It can also be helpful to provide system-specific rather than generalised materials. Skilled at working with people with a very wide range of backgrounds and educational levels, the SWEA team have a long track record in development of such materials, covering subjects such as:

- Heating and hot water system options
- Best use of systems and controls
- Insulation options and methods
- Avoiding condensation damp



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## SWEA Information

The Severn Wye Energy Agency is one of a network of agencies across Europe set up to stimulate the development of sustainable energy through local and regional action for energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy resources. It is an independent not-for-profit company and registered charity.

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