



# **Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm Project**

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## **EV006: Innogy skills case studies**

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## Gwynt y Môr Wind Farm investing in our engineers of the future



Engineering Education Scheme Wales (EESW) has been awarded £9,999 from RWE's flagship Gwynt y Môr Offshore Wind Farm community fund. It will provide more than £19 million to communities in the coastal areas of Conwy, Denbighshire and Flintshire throughout the lifetime of the project. EESW are one of the first awardees of the fund which will be making annual payments of £768,000.

The funding will be used to support five schools in North Wales to engage with the EESW 6th form activity. Teams of up to eight first year sixth form students from these schools will work in conjunction with a company to solve a real engineering challenge. They will work on the project for approximately six months supported by the company engineer and EESW staff and will attend a Big Bang @EESW event on April 13th 2016 where they will display their solution to a set problem.

The project will link schools and students to engineering/technology sectors and universities, upskilling the local participants for future employment in this key sector.

Robert Cater CEO of EESW said;

"The EESW is very grateful to RWE Innogy UK for the funding to support the involvement of schools in North Wales in our prestigious 6th form industry linked activity. This will enable more students to engage with a very rewarding activity which will develop a range of personal and employability skills."

Katy Woodington RWE Innogy UK's community investment officer commented;

"We're really excited to announce the first recipients of the Gwynt y Môr community fund. It's fantastic to see the fund support such a wide variety of worthy causes such as EESW. Their project will enflame the imaginations and nurture the burgeoning talents of students. It will open the door to the engineering world for them, helping them to gain qualifications that will ultimately lead to employment in the future."

## Gwynt y Môr Wind Farm helps to repower the workforce



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The Creating Enterprise project has been awarded £8,768 from the Gwynt y Môr Wind Farm community fund.

The fund is a direct result of the operation of Gwynt y Môr Offshore Wind Farm and the partnership between RWE Innogy, Stadtwerke München and Siemens(1). It will provide more than £19 million to communities in the coastal areas of Conwy, Denbighshire and Flintshire throughout the lifetime of the project. Creating Enterprise are one of the first awardees of the fund which will be making annual payments of £768,000.

Creating Enterprise is a recently launched social enterprise between Cartrefi Conwy and Crest Co-operative. Its aim is to create employment and training opportunities for the community via high quality, paid work placements for Cartrefi Conwy tenants in Conwy area who have multiple barriers to employment.

The funding will be used to employ a Social Inclusion Mentor. The role will involve identifying tenants who will benefit from the Creating Enterprise Employment Academy and to support them first into volunteering within their communities and then supporting them to become ready to move onto employment opportunities as they become available at Creating Enterprise.

Sharon Jones from Creating Enterprise said;

"The funding from the Gwynt y Môr community fund and the recruitment of a Social Inclusion Mentor, will help Creating Enterprise to improve the lives of Cartrefi Conwy tenants and others in the community, by improving the environment in which the tenants live.

"This project will help Conwy residents who have faced employment barriers to earn a salary. We are expecting a minimum of 30 local people to volunteer and anticipate that a minimum of five people will move into employment within 12 months."

Katy Woodington RWE Innogy UK's community investment officer commented;

"We're really excited to announce the first ever recipients of the Gwynt y Môr community fund. It's rewarding to see the variety of ways the fund is sustainably benefitting the community. Creating Enterprise are a great example of this as they are helping those that for various reasons, have become far removed from the labour market get back into local employment. That's a cause we can whole heartedly support and it's great to see them receive backing from the fund."



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## RWE expands successful wind turbine apprentice scheme with recruitment of new applicants



**Five aspiring young engineers have been selected from over 350 applicants across Wales to earn a place on RWE Innogy UK's Wind Turbine Apprenticeship scheme, which this year has evolved to include a hydro apprentice for the first time.**

Fiona Grice, Zack Faulkner, Nathan Jones, Robert Thomas and Robert Tiesteel are taking their first steps towards becoming fully fledged technicians by embarking on the bespoke programme at Coleg Llandrillo, North Wales. The highly-skilled engineering posts have been created to support the business's renewables activities and have taken the total number of RWE-generated apprenticeships in Wales to 21 since the scheme opened in 2012.

The apprenticeship course, the first of its kind in Wales, takes three years to complete and was launched in partnership with Grŵp Llandrillo Menai and was fully supported at its official opening by the First Minister of Wales Rt. Hon Carwyn Jones AM.

Places on the course are highly sought after, having already produced some incredibly high-performing apprentices. In 2014, apprentice Ross Kenyon, from Newtown was recognised as national Apprentice of the Year by Renewables UK; while earlier this year RWE trainee Llewelyn Edwards was declared Apprentice of the Year 2015 out of around 2000 hopefuls at Coleg Llandrillo's annual awards evening. More recently apprentice Dylan Jones has been listed as a finalist for the Foundation Apprentice of the Year at this year's esteemed Apprenticeship Awards Cymru.

RWE Innogy UK has a wide portfolio of renewable energy sites across the length and breadth of Wales. Any of which could become a workplace of the apprentices once they gain their qualifications. The renewables fleet in Wales is crucial to the establishment of the apprenticeship scheme and reflects the company's ongoing commitment to supporting skills and the Welsh business development.

Paul Cowling Managing Director at RWE Innogy UK commented:

"We're thrilled that RWE Innogy UK has, once again, had the opportunity to provide five more skilled learning and employment prospects in Wales, this is of course in addition to the 16 we've already placed into the programme so far. What these apprenticeships prove is that there is a definite and defined relationship between the delivery of renewable energy and the opportunities the sector can create for the Welsh economy.

"At least half of the apprenticeship posts will be located in rural areas, where opportunities for skilled engineering jobs are often limited. It's our hope that these posts will enable the young people involved to live, learn and work locally and therefore support their economies, communities and the environment for the long term."