



Energy4All

# Newsletter

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## Looking forward...

We are a network of 33 energy co-operatives. In the face of potential climate breakdown our members are working together to create a citizen-led energy transition.

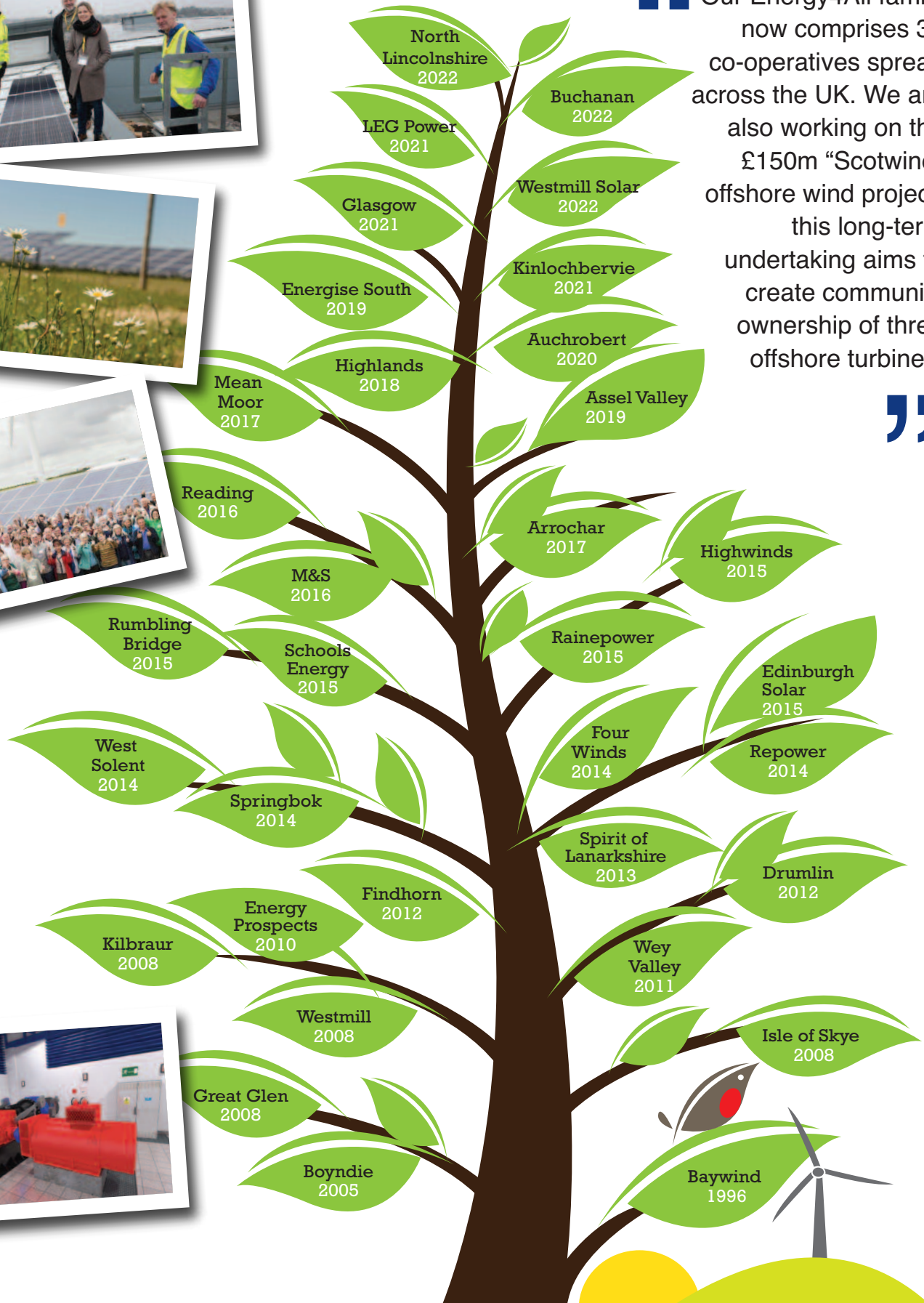
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# A Growing Movement

“ Our Energy4All family now comprises 33 co-operatives spread across the UK. We are also working on the £150m “Scotwind” offshore wind project, this long-term undertaking aims to create community ownership of three offshore turbines. ”



# We have completed three more Scottish hydro projects: Scottish Sites Commissioned in 2022

## Welcome to New Co-operatives

### Westmill Solar Co-operative

The 5MW Westmill Solar Co-operative is adjacent to the original Westmill Wind Farm site in Oxfordshire. The solar co-operative has been managed separately and is very active, providing over £700,000 in grant funding since its creation. In October we were delighted to welcome Westmill Solar as part the Energy4All family.



### North Lincolnshire Community Energy

Energy4All is working with North Lincolnshire Community Energy. This joint venture with the local authority has created a community benefit society to reduce the carbon footprint of schools and community buildings in Scunthorpe. The initial phase of work is for six projects with a further 20 or so projects in the pipeline to create up to 3MW of solar roof capacity. The project has received £1.4m from grants to the council from the UK Government's "Towns Fund" and a share offer is due early next year.



### Lochaber

At just over 500kW, LEG Power Lochaber is the biggest of our hydro projects, based at Glenachulish, and was commissioned in early September 2022. The project was helped by Scottish Government "CARES" financing.



### Kinlochbervie

Kinlochbervie is a 200kW site on the north coast of Scotland. The site was commissioned in July 2022. The project was financed by a share offer and loan from the Highland Community Energy Society. On 25



October local people and students from the local secondary school came to an open day.

### Buchanan

The Buchanan site near Loch Lomond was also commissioned in July 2022. At 100kW it is the smallest of the sites. An opening ceremony was held on 1 September which was attended by Michael Matheson MSP, the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport.





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## Developing our Co-operative Values

In 2019, we sponsored a postgraduate student who researched how we could further develop the co-operative principles across our Societies. Several Societies provided financial support for this work together with funds from Energy4All. To continue this work, we have now recruited a Co-operative Development Officer – see New Team Members below. Thank you to the E4A Societies who have supported Rachael's post.

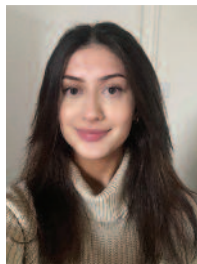
## Helping Member Societies Work Together

One message from our annual meeting was that Member Societies wanted Energy4All to facilitate a way for them to work together. We have identified the Loomio platform as a way we could do this. Loomio is a worker co-operative, who created an on-line platform as a way for people to collaborate and share ideas. We will be using Loomio to launch an on-line forum for Society Directors very soon.



# Welcome to our new team members

We welcomed five new colleagues...



Klodina Bogiqi joined us at the end of 2021 and Bledar Bogiqi was recruited in 2022. Both Bledar and Klodina are working as accounts assistants supporting several co-operatives. We are supporting both in their AAT studies.



Kerrie Pearson joined as a management accountant. Kerrie provides advice to an expanding network of Scottish co-operatives.



Sarah Flood joined us in September, she has supported the Westmill Solar Co-operative since its creation and has a career in climate finance, sustainable food, and international development.



John Millen has joined us to strengthen our asset management function. John is a renewable energy specialist who has worked in contract management for three decades. Rachael Hunter has moved from supporting the operations and maintenance of some of the southern solar PV sites to lead our work on building co-operative values as a Co-operative Development Officer.



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