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Solar PV Support Programme

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journey awaits**

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As Chief Executive Officer I am proud to lead an enthusiastic team who share passion and commitment to raising awareness about climate change.

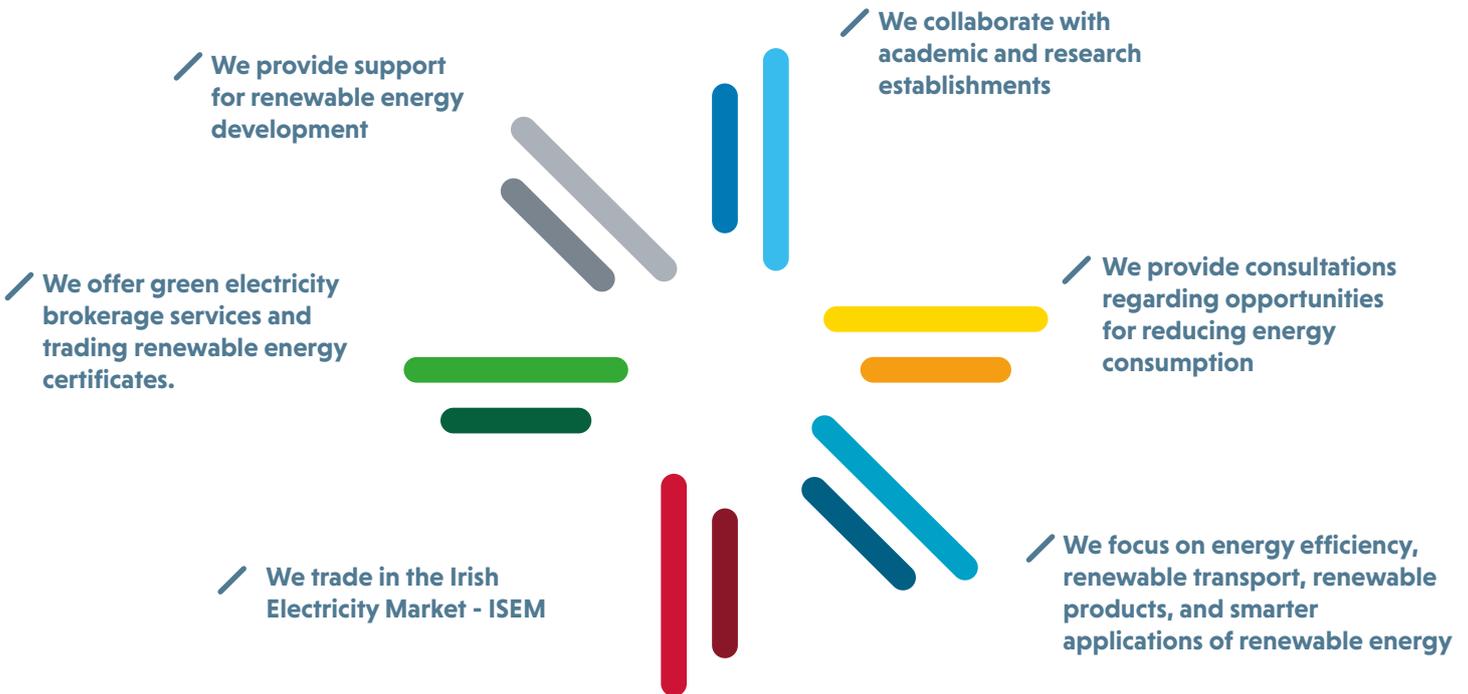
Thank you for your interest in the Action Renewables Solar PV Support Programme. Making the switch to a renewable energy source for your organisation will be extremely beneficial not only for you, but for Northern Ireland as a whole.

Our support programme has been in operation for a number of years, delivering solar PV systems to over 20 projects across Northern Ireland. We welcome the opportunity to work with your organisation and help you make the transition to renewable energy.

The programme is funded entirely by Action Renewables. We can do this because our trading subsidiaries distribute profits into our charity to allow us to support other non-profit organisations in Northern Ireland, and further afield with renewable energy solutions.

Terry Waugh
Chief Executive Officer

We are the leading provider of renewable energy expertise in Northern Ireland.



Now it's more important than ever that we continue our on-going work to remove the barriers that hinder the rate of renewable energy penetration.

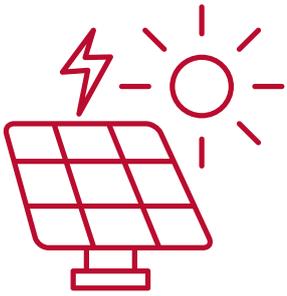
We are a small but well-structured organisation with 30 permanent members of staff, and we are based at our offices in Boucher Business Studios in Belfast.

Our activities are principally financed from the trading functions of our subsidiaries, particularly Action Renewables Energy Trading (ARET) Ltd. ARET is a private company, and a wholly owned subsidiary of Action Renewables. ARET takes its direction from and reports to the Board of Action Renewables.



Our aim & objectives...

OUR CHARITABLE AIM



Deliver renewable energy projects

Our aim is to achieve our charitable objectives through the delivery of renewable energy projects across Northern Ireland and specific global projects that will have a direct benefit to the communities in which they serve.

OBJECTIVE 1

Promote energy efficiency and renewable energy

Advance to the benefit of the public, the protection and improvement of the environment through the promotion of energy efficiency and renewable energy by:

1.1

PROMOTING GOOD ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICE

1.2

PROVIDING INFORMATION AND ADVICE

1.3

PROVIDING CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO COMMUNITIES

1.4

CONDUCT RESEARCH INTO ENERGY CONSERVATION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

OBJECTIVE 2

Energy efficiency education

Advance the education of the public in energy efficiency and renewable energy by increasing awareness of the benefits of reducing carbon emissions and of promoting effective ways to make such reductions.



Our vision is to create a Northern Ireland which recognises the serious impacts of climate change. We will take measures to prevent and mitigate against those impacts, through the promotion of renewable energy products and services and addressing energy efficiency, alongside new developments in renewable fuels for transportation.



Our charitable activities reflect our views on the need for climate change mitigation and the need for renewable energy.

As a charity we are proud to support charitable projects where renewable energies can be utilised for the benefit of our local and international communities.

Action Renewables has donated £14,000 to Mulanje Mission Hospital in Malawi towards the installation of solar panels and battery storage.

Two Action Renewables staff members, Jonathan and Lana, recently visited Mulanje Mission Hospital in April 2023 – you can read about their trip [here](#).



Action Renewables is continuing its commitment to fund a scholarship programme with Ulster University. The Action Renewables Energy Storage Scholarship will be open to Ulster University students starting an MSc in Energy Storage (full time) at the Belfast Campus. As a charity, Action Renewables aims to mitigate against the effects of climate change, and this new Scholarship is intended to support students in that goal.

Our Solar PV Programme to support not-for-profit organisations in reducing their energy costs and CO2 emissions by offering low-cost electricity from renewable generation.

Carrickfergus Sea Cadets is one of many beneficiaries availing of our Solar PV support programme.



Features:

- Action Renewables covers the cost of installation and maintenance of the solar PV system
- we will conduct a survey and provide all the administrative support required
- minimal disruption to your organisation during the installation
- open to non-profit organisations across NI.
- establishes a renewable energy supply for your business during the length of the contract

Benefits:

- zero cost to the beneficiary organisation
- significant energy savings
- reduction in carbon footprint
- reduction on electricity bills
- green credentials for your organisation
- no maintenance or contract fees
- supporting the government target towards net zero

What's the catch?

There isn't one. As a charity our aim is to mitigate against the effects of climate change, and we do this by funding renewable energy projects in Northern Ireland and further afield. The funding comes from profits distributed by our trading subsidiaries and we are not reliant on any other funding streams. By supporting these projects, we meet our obligations as a NI registered charity to achieve our objectives and vision.

We pay for and maintain the solar pv system - your organisation benefits from renewable energy and a reduced electricity tariff.

CSR/ESG compliance

CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) and ESG (Environmental Social and Governance) are terms used to refer to how a company integrates social and environmental concerns into their operational procedures and interactions with consumers and stakeholders.

Consumers are choosing brands for their ethical behaviour and green credentials, and want to see evidence of how a company meets their obligations in areas such as: Environmental protection; Human Rights; Employee welfare; Community Engagement and Supply chain responsibilities.

Being a responsible, sustainable business may make it easier to recruit and retain staff and research has demonstrated that consumers, investors and employees are more likely to support companies engaged in CSR.

What to expect:

1. Your organisation submits a full application using this link: [Solar PV Support Programme Application](#)
2. Our team will use the information you have provided to conduct a desk-based feasibility study of your site to assess if it is suitable for solar.
3. Once we have the outcome of this study, we will be in touch to inform you of the decision.
4. If the outcome is positive, we will provide contract agreements to your organisation to review and sign.
5. We then send out this project to tender with our installer framework.
6. We will award the tender to one of these installers, and they will coordinate with your organisation to arrange a site visit for further analysis.
7. Once installer has their final design, they will arrange an installation date.
8. Once the installation is completed, our team will visit your site to complete a site check, explain the metering process, and take some photos of the project.



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How to Apply

Visit the solar PV support programme page on the [website](#), and check eligibility criteria to apply.

If your organisation is eligible, please complete and submit the [online application form](#) and a member of the team will be in touch.

PV Installation Criteria

- All projects supported must be **based in Northern Ireland**.
- Our team will conduct a feasibility study to determine the eligibility of your site.
- If the applicant is a charity, it must be a registered charity in Northern Ireland.
- Applicant must either own or have a long-term lease on their building. Long term being defined as 5+ years.
- If your building is rented or leased, then the landlord must agree to the project. An agreement must also be signed with the landlord in the event of a change of end user or if the landlord sells the property.
- Applicant must sign a rental agreement with Action Renewables.
- Agreement to proceed and install is at the discretion of the Management and Board of Action Renewables.



"Our solar PV support programme is an exciting collaborative opportunity for non-profit and community organisations, to start their journey towards reducing their environmental impact and help mitigate their CO₂ emissions."

Lana Moore
Head of Charity Delivery