

Energy Saving Trust: Partner Organisations

<p><u>Zero Waste Scotland (ZWS)</u></p>	<p>Funded by the Scottish Government and the European Regional Development Fund, ZWS provide free and impartial support and funding to help businesses save energy, money and carbon. ZWS advisors have identified over £200 million in savings for Scottish businesses, with an average of 24% energy saving per business. Of those companies that have received support, 9 out of 10 would recommend ZWS's support to others. ZWS's work includes helping businesses such as CelluComp, a company turning nano fibres from root vegetable by-products into an environmentally friendly paint thickener. ZWS's Circular Economy Accelerator experts help businesses maximise value and ensure the longevity of products.</p>
<p><u>Scottish Enterprise</u></p>	<p>Scottish Enterprise's sustainability specialists work with companies across all sectors to help them do things more efficiently and with a reduced impact on the environment. If you have a specific project in mind, or if you are just starting your sustainable business journey, Scottish Enterprise can help. They have helped 1,000 companies to develop new products and services faster in the last 12 months. They recently supported Stena Line, a large ferry company, to streamline their employee feedback using a new online process. Their director found the support offered was innovative and improved profits.</p>
<p><u>Highland and Islands Enterprise (HIE)</u></p>	<p>Highland and Islands Enterprise are the economic and community development agency for the North of Scotland. They offer a full range of products and services to tackle everything from business planning to product development, financing, skills, growth, and exporting, as well as helping businesses develop fair work and inclusive processes. HIE's support includes supporting Fair Isle, an island of 55 people situated halfway between Orkney and Shetland, on their Low Carbon Infrastructure Transition Programme. They helped secure financial support to create low-carbon energy solutions which allowed the residents to access secure energy 24 hours a day for the first time.</p>
<p><u>South of Scotland Enterprise</u></p>	<p>South of Scotland Enterprise works with people and businesses to grow its economy by providing investment, expertise, and mentoring. They offer tailored support to businesses, social enterprises, and communities on a wide range of areas. They recently supported the Let's Get Sporty Community Trust (LGCT), who provide young people with training in Dumfries. LGCT received a £25,000 grant which will be used to fund an extension of its Lochvale House base. This will allow the trust to give more opportunities to local people to learn, train and develop life and employability skills.</p>