

# Working with the community

## Working with the local supply chain

RES is committed to ensuring that, wherever reasonably practicable, local contractors and employees are used in all aspects of wind farm development, construction and operation. The major opportunities arise during the construction phase when suitably qualified local firms are invited to bid for different aspects of construction, such as foundation laying and electrical works. Construction materials are normally sourced locally (i.e. within the county) and local transport and plant hire companies used wherever possible.

The Clune Wind Farm, if consented, is predicted to deliver a multi-million pound package of inward investment in the form of jobs, employment and the use of local services, in addition to more than £2 million paid in business rates during each year of operation.

## Partnership with the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI)

Earlier this year, RES partnered with the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) to support their Student Development Fund designed to help successful recipients to gain new skills, build confidence and enhance their student experience.

RES has committed to donate a total of £60,000 to the Fund over the course of three years, and this year has pledged £20,000 to 23 students providing them with the best possible opportunity to maximise their talents and future careers.

## Shared ownership - Is this of interest to the community?

RES is also interested to understand whether there is any appetite from the community in exploring the potential opportunity of shared ownership in the wind farm. If shared ownership is something that interests you, please put this on your comments form and speak to our project team. Local Energy Scotland is the independent body that manages the Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES). To find out more visit:

[www.localenergy.scot/hub/shared-ownership](http://www.localenergy.scot/hub/shared-ownership)



“It is brilliant to see the Student Development Fund come back to life this year. Thank you to our corporate partner RES for their valuable support which is already enabling our UHI students to undertake an excellent range of development opportunities!”

Alison Wilson, Director of Economic Development and Advancement at UHI

“RES is delighted to be able to witness the impact of the Student Development Fund on people who live and study in the Highlands and Islands, Moray and Perthshire. Supporting the students with unique and invaluable training, skills and experiences can help kickstart their prospective career ambitions and offer direct benefits to the local economy in the short, medium and long-term.”

Graeme Kerr, Development Project Manager at RES

**Clune Wind Farm - updated proposal**

[www.clune-windfarm.co.uk](http://www.clune-windfarm.co.uk)

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