

Vattenfall have committed to annually investing £150,000 to a community benefit scheme for the 20 year lifetime of the European Offshore Wind Deployment Centre, in Aberdeen Bay.

We are delighted to share with you that applications for Vattenfall's Unlock our Future Fund will open on 14th January 2019 and close on 15th April 2019. Application forms will be available from 14th January at The Unlock our Future Fund webpage (<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/unlock-our-future-fund/>) which will go live on that date. It is expected that the successful applicants will receive their funding award in early Summer 2019.

Following an extensive community consultation the fund priorities were decided and the boundaries of the Fund established. Any constituted organisation or community group in Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire is eligible to apply.

The feedback from community members across the City and Shire was that this should be a different fund that should make a real difference to communities across the region. There are four key priorities of the scheme and each application must demonstrate how it will meet **all four** of these priorities outlined below. To be eligible for funding from the *Unlock our Future Fund*, each application must:

- Contribute to a climate smarter world with sustainability at its core
- Invest in community facilities and/or activities that are fit for the future
- Be innovative
- Ensure a legacy and lasting impact which clearly brings benefit to the local community.

In Summer 2018, an independent community champions panel was appointed to shape the fund, the strategy, the application process and to select the successful applications. This panel appointed Foundation Scotland as the administrator of the fund.

Following the launch on Monday 14th January 2019 there will be a series of drop in sessions, open to all, for application support. At these sessions you will meet some of the community champions panel, Foundation Scotland representatives and some other key organisations and funders who may be able to support groups with their applications.

Application Support Sessions

Date & time	Venue
14 th January 2019 from 3pm-7pm	Balmedie Leisure Centre, AB23 8YF
15 th January 2019 from 3pm-7pm	Inverurie Town Hall, AB51 3SN
17 th January 2019 from 4pm-8pm	Stonehaven Town Hall, AB39 2BU
21 st January 2019 from 3pm-7pm	Aberdeen Science Centre, AB25 1HU
22 nd January 2019 from 3pm-7pm	Fraserburgh Community and Sports Centre, AB43 9TH

From 14th January, Iain Catto (iainC@foundationscotland.org.uk) from Foundation Scotland will be the Panel point of contact for any questions or queries. Future emails will be sent by Foundation Scotland, but if you object to this or would like to opt out from receiving information about the Unlock our Future fund, please respond to this email.

We look forward to meeting you to discuss this exciting opportunity in the New Year.
Community Champions Decision Panel