
So, what is the SEACS project?

The idea is that we bring people together, so that we can work together to tackle common sustainable concerns, resulting in local driving forces to realise change in energy use. Wiltshire Council is working together with Devon and Dorset Councils, and two partners from Brittany (*across the common space*),

Lannion Trégor Agglomération and Conseil Général des Côtes d'Armor to:

- Empower community groups to become local driving forces in implementing change in energy use;
- Assisting in realising local energy efficient projects and identify best practices, leading to sustainable energy use.



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*Tackling the energy challenge together
Relevons ensemble le défi énergétique*



SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

Across the Common Space



How can
**Community
Groups**
get involved ?

Why should your Community Group get involved?

The SEACS project focuses on community engagement, supporting community groups and individuals with their aspirations to tackling the energy challenge, further enhancing existing projects and/or helping to develop local sustainable energy projects.



Why get involved?

- Training
- Advice
- Support
- Community cohesion
- Project development
- Project progression
- Opportunities for sharing of experiences
- Understanding the importance of and help in identifying energy reduction behaviour and measures
- Signposting to relevant funding/ financial streams



Awareness Raising Events

Benefits:

- Officer support in organising, raising the profile of the group and their local sustainable energy issues
- Opportunity for existing groups to use these events to promote themselves and their project work, recruit new members, and if necessary re-invigorate interest
- There will be support to: build upon existing projects; revisiting previous campaigns; discuss impact and lessons learnt; and hear what the community want out of their involvement and develop projects around these needs.
- These events will help bring the community together, to discuss local energy issues and related topics and work together on a common goal

Organised local events will give practical help on energy efficiency and how local community groups can work together to reduce energy consumption; identify suitable energy efficiency measures; and potential renewable technologies. There will be advice for individuals on energy reduction opportunities and behavioural changes as well as group opportunities to come together and work towards reducing the communities' carbon emissions. Training will be made available for everyone to make use of free energy monitoring equipment, as well as continued support to ensure that everyone understands this information.



Energy Action Plans

Energy action plans will be drawn up using the information gathered through the awareness raising events and meetings. Working closely with the community group, and using individual energy figures; realistic targets can be set for energy reduction. Support will be given to work through the action plan towards the long term goals. Information from all the SEACS projects will be shared amongst all the groups involved, so that everyone can benefit from the lessons learnt along the way, and celebrate the successes together.

Benefits:

- Officer support for existing projects and opportunities to develop these further through involvement in the SEACS project.
- Training will be given to everyone on the free energy measuring and monitoring equipment available.
- Through the action plans, a clear focus on what the Communities needs are, and how to address them, will be set out
- Using the information gathered through discussions and monitoring campaigns, realistic energy reduction targets can be set and worked towards
- Continued Officer support and assistance as the project develops
- Opportunities to share experiences with Community Groups from other local authorities and our French partners.

