



## Welcome to our latest Eastern Green Link 2 (EGL2) community newsletter

**In this edition, we're shining a spotlight on some of the recipients of the first round of funding from the EGL2 Peterhead Local Fund. A total of £420,294 was awarded to support a wide range of organisations and campaigns across the area. While not every application could be funded, we're pleased to feature a selection of successful projects in this edition.**

EGL2 is a 505km electricity "superhighway" that will enable the transfer of power from Scotland to England (and vice versa) via a subsea cable.

Currently planned for completion in 2029, EGL2 will help bring home-grown energy to where it is needed, with the capacity to power up to two million homes.

EGL2 is being delivered as a joint venture between SSEN Transmission and National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET).



**Fionán Doonan, EGL2 Project Director at SSEN Transmission, said:**

*"We're proud to support projects that make a real difference for communities across Aberdeenshire. As we invest in upgrading the electricity grid, we also want to create opportunities, support local people and leave a lasting legacy in this part of Scotland."*

In Scotland, we are building:

- Peterhead Converter Station, near Boddam
- Around 1km of underground cable between Peterhead Converter Station and Sandford Bay, Aberdeenshire
- Supporting works, including upgrades at Peterhead Substation and along the cable route.

### EGL2 on BBC Radio 4

The EGL2 project recently featured in a programme on BBC Radio 4 titled 'Power to the People: Rewiring Britain'. The 30-minute programme, hosted by BBC Scotland's Business and Economy Editor, Douglas Fraser, looked in detail at how projects like EGL2 will help to enable a UK-wide shift to renewables.

Scan the QR code to listen.



## 12 community projects share £420k in funding

**Thank you to everyone who applied to the first round of the Peterhead Large Project Fund.**

In total, we awarded **£420,294** to 12 community groups. Here are three examples of projects supported in the first round.

### Peterhead FC Community Foundation

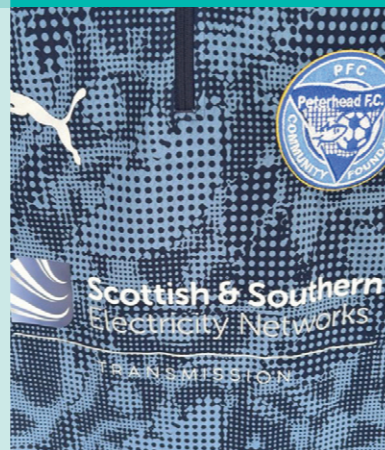
**Funding received:  
£99,800**

The funding will expand the Partner Schools programme, supporting more than 1,000 young people across the local area.

Two new community coaches will deliver sport, wellbeing and personal development programmes in primary schools across the AB42 area. They will also lead inclusive activities and provide support for pupils with additional needs.

A full-time Advanced Community Coach will support pupils at Central Primary School in Peterhead, including those facing challenges linked to deprivation and language barriers.

**Gavin Mundie, Peterhead FC Community Foundation Chairperson,** said: *“The EGL2 award is transformational, not only for the growth of the project but for the impact it will deliver for the young people of our community.”*



### Aberdeen Science Centre

**Funding received:  
£53,504**

Children in Peterhead will take part in hands-on STEM learning through the Local Fund.

The project will deliver six STEM clubs for children aged 9 to 12 across local primary schools and a community club. Sessions will include activities using robotics, electronics and renewable energy kits.

More than 120 children will take part in the clubs, with a further 325 pupils visiting Aberdeen Science Centre for workshops designed to inspire future careers.

**Steph McCann, Head of Fundraising at Aberdeen Science Centre,** said: *“We are delighted to receive support from the EGL2 Peterhead Local Fund to bring inspiring, hands-on STEM learning to children across Peterhead and nearby areas.”*



### Aberdeenshire Sailing Trust

**Funding received:  
£23,340**

Young people in Peterhead will have the opportunity to take part in inclusive watersports activities designed to build confidence and support wellbeing.

The project will deliver summer watersports programmes, weekly sessions and disability sailing sessions for young people.

These activities will help develop confidence, communication skills and teamwork in young people through outdoor learning and sport.

**Angie Fraser, Principal, Aberdeenshire Sailing Trust,** said: *“This is going to have a huge impact on children and young people in need and facing challenges in our area. We’re very excited now about what next season will bring.”*



## How can I apply?

The Peterhead Local Fund was set up with Community Councils to support communities near our cable landing site in Scotland.

The fund has a total value of £2.16 million, which will be delivered over five years. You can apply through the Large Project Fund or the Micro grant Fund.

Funding is available for projects in the following areas:

- Boddam
- Buchan East
- Cruden
- Longside & District
- Peterhead

### Micro-grant Fund

The Micro grant Fund provides smaller grants for local groups and individuals.

Each Community Council receives £4,319 per year to award grants of up to £500. These support local activities and small community projects.

To apply, contact your local Community Council or visit: [www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/EGL2-fund](http://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/EGL2-fund)

### Large Project Fund

The Large Project Fund supports major community projects with grants of £10,000 or more.

Each round, £410,294 is available for projects that benefit local communities and focus on:

- Education, employment and skills
- Environment
- Transport and connectivity
- Community infrastructure and regeneration
- Heritage and culture
- Community action and capacity building.

Funding decisions are made by an independent panel of local representatives to reflect local priorities and community needs.

For more information on how to apply please visit [www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/EGL2-fund](http://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/EGL2-fund)

The next funding round opened on Wednesday 29 April 2026.



## Project update

### Peterhead Converter Station

We have reached an important milestone at the site, with slipform construction of both transformer buildings now complete. This involved a continuous concrete pour over 10 days. Work is now underway to install the roof beams.

Work is also progressing on the steel structures and outer cladding of several buildings. Cladding on the Spare Parts Building is complete, and steelwork for the Operations Building is being installed.

Final foundation works for the Converter buildings are also underway, with the first steel works scheduled to be erected at the end of March.

Work also continues on the underground cable connection between Peterhead Substation and the new Converter building.



### Marine cable update

Work to set up the Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) site adjacent to Sandford Bay is complete. Welfare facilities are in place, along with secure access from the A90 and a dedicated on-site car park.

In preparation for the drilling, acoustic barriers along the north side of the site have been installed.

Sheet piling has been completed to allow the entry pit to be excavated and two steel casings to be installed. Further sheet piling is also underway to prepare for the arrival of the drill rig and the start of drilling.

Offshore, a jack-up barge has been working in Sandford Bay to carry out borehole surveys. These surveys help us understand ground conditions and inform the final HDD design.

## Keep in touch

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