

# PROJECT UPDATE

March/April 2022

## Project Updates

The Shetland Energy Skills Transition Working Group held its first meeting in early March. The group aims to address challenges and capitalise on opportunities that will arise around skills and training as the Shetland Islands progresses its energy transition ambitions.

HIE hosted an ORION Shetland Supply Chain Webinar with Cerulean Winds and NOV on March 15<sup>th</sup> to outline the support available for the local supply chain to help realise these opportunities and also highlight other related projects. The webinar drew over 200 participants.

ORION Project Coordinator Gunther Newcombe presented to the Scottish Energy Forum on March 24<sup>th</sup> during their first in-person session in 2022.

Crown Estate Scotland announced their intent on a ScotWind Clearing Round with a focus on the NE1 site which is located to the east of Shetland. More information [here](#). ORION team in discussion with interested parties.

Crown Estate Scotland INTOG round announced in March with applications to be made in early June. ORION team in discussion with interested parties.

On April 27, ORION presented during the Electrification in the Making event hosted by OEUK during a session on Hub Solutions. An offshore electrification update was included in this presentation.

*NEPTUNE Project update:* Phase 1 of the marine study was completed at the end of April.

*Electrification Workgroup update:*

- Final 2022 work plan to be agreed at next meeting in mid-May
- Onshore power study complete and offshore study in progress



## UPCOMING

### 11-12 May – All-Energy Conference & Exhibition

Come visit us in the HI-Energy & Orkney Pavilion at booth number HIE09 to meet some of our team. Register to attend for free [here](#).

Gunther Newcombe will be presenting on:

May 11 at 11:45 on the Local & Community Energy Floor Theatre

May 12 at 11:45 on the Hydrogen & Energy Storage Floor Theatre

### 17 May – NEPTUNE webinar

The NEPTUNE team will be hosting a webinar to share their results and link these results with other initiatives around Shetland and nationally on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The agenda and registration are found [here](#).

### 24 May – OEUK Conference & Exhibition

Gunther Newcombe will be presenting during the conference. More information and tickets [here](#).

## IN THE NEWS

ORION Team member Harry Thomson was interviewed by EuroNews about Shetland's Energy Transition. The article can be found [here](#)