

PROJECT UPDATE

January/February 2023

Project Updates

The [Lerwick Port Authority](#) has become a strategic partner of the ORION Project. The Port Authority will lend valuable expertise to the ORION's aims and ambitions as the landscape of energy generation changes over the coming months and years. For more, see the Council's [press release](#) and the Port Authority's [webpage](#).

On 20th January, the Islands Growth Deal was signed between UK Government, Scottish Government, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Shetland Islands Council, and Orkney Islands Council. This [article](#) details how the £100 million invest could impact the island regions.

ORION strategic partner Shetland Islands Council has secured funding from Innovate UK's Pathfinder Places for an energy and transport feasibility study in Shetland which is 1 of 31 projects that received funding. For more on the Shetland Rural Energy Hub project, go [here](#).

ORION Project Coordinator Gunther Newcombe will be sitting on the panel for the NECCUS and DNV Energy Transition Outlook launch on 30th of March.

West of Shetland Electrification (WoSE) Updates:

- Project Development Strategy & Concept Screening Report agreed with all JVs and submitted to NSTA
- Framing session held with all JVs to re-test opportunity, objectives and scope
- SSEN engagement: agreed to conduct feasibility study
- Shetland Islands Council: initial online meet & greet held to introduce WoSE and work activities. Next engagement: a WoSE visit to Shetland

All-Energy Exhibition and Conference – Glasgow, 10-11 May

ORION will be joining Lerwick Port Authority, Shetland Islands Council, Highlands & Islands Enterprise and the Norn Alliance to showcase Shetland's potential as an energy island with a booth on the exhibition floor and possibly presentations on the show floor.

Stop by HIE70 to meet the teams and talk to us about Shetland's capabilities!



UPCOMING

14 March – All Things Hydrogen Conference

There will be an ORION presentation at this conference in Aberdeen. More info [here](#).

17 March – Arctic Frontiers Abroad - Scotland

Martyn Tulloch of Net Zero Technology Centre will represent the ORION Project during Panel Session 3. Info and registration [here](#).

18-19 April – Future of the North Sea

ORION will be presented during the Hydrogen Production & Projects session. Tickets and info found [here](#).

9-10 June – Shetland Climate Festival

ORION will be exhibiting at this year's Climate Festival at Clickimin Leisure Centre to showcase the vision for Shetland's clean energy future. More information to come!

IN THE NEWS

Project coordinator Gunther Newcombe sat on a climate change panel for Shetland News along with SIC, VOAR, and UpLift representatives. See the [article](#).