



# SevernWye

ENERGY AGENCY



## From strategy to practical action

Working for sustainable energy  
and affordable warmth in the  
South West and Wales





## Key features of our approach:

- To ensure a coherent message from strategy through to practical action
- To foster an integrated approach to energy efficiency and renewable energy
- To maintain an independent and technology neutral view, with no profit motive
- To enable change through developing partnerships and crossing sectors

Severn Wye Energy Agency Limited (SWEA) is a non-profit company and registered educational charity. It was established in 1999, under the European Commission SAVE programme, and is one of around 300 European local and regional energy 'demand-management' agencies.

SWEA aims to promote sustainable energy and affordable warmth through partnership, awareness-raising, innovation and strategic action. We have developed a portfolio of projects and services in energy efficiency, renewable energy and sustainable transport. Building out from its origins in the Forest of Dean, SWEA is active in South West England and Wales. We work

in partnership with local authorities, health authorities, government agencies, regional bodies, the private sector, a range of voluntary agencies, and other energy agencies throughout Europe.



## Key issues for SWEA:

- Engaging others by finding the common agenda
- Linking local to global as well as global to local
- Social inclusion and access to services and information
- Demystification of everyday technology

# Some of our projects



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The **SHARE** project, funded by the European Commission Intelligent Energy Europe programme, is a partnership of energy agencies working with social housing providers in 8 countries, coordinated by SWEA. It will establish local social housing energy forums and provide training, awareness and advice services designed to meet the needs of both tenants and landlords.



**Warm and Well** is a partnership project working with seven local authorities and their Primary Care Trusts to provide advice and energy efficiency measures to households vulnerable to health problems from cold or damp homes. The scheme has grown to deliver over £1m of installed measures per year, and has been highlighted as a Managenergy Best Practice case study.



**The Power to Change** is a sustainable energy education programme funded by the European Commission Intelligent Energy Europe programme working

with 13 European partners in 10 countries. The project focuses on working with pupils aged 10-12, their teachers and families, and raises awareness of energy use at school and at home.

**Gloucestershire Wood fuels**, funded by DEFRA, aims to establish a new co-operative with members from organisations that grow or manage woodlands. The co-operative will manage wood fuel supply and market wood fuel in the area.



**The Prisons Energy Project**, funded by Her Majesty's Prison Service, Cardiff City Council, Gloucestershire County Council and the Energy Saving Trust, provides energy efficiency advice and awareness for prison staff, prisoners and their families, educational programmes for prisoners, and a review of energy use in prison buildings.





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Energy touches everyone's lives every day, at home, at work and at play. We aim to help everyone within the communities we serve to enjoy the benefits that energy can bring without reducing the ability of future generations to do the same.

## **SWEA offers the following services:**

- Strategy development, including energy, affordable warmth and climate change
- Project development and management
- Training for professional staff and advisers
- Awareness, advice and information
- Educational programmes

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