

An aerial photograph of the Galway Wind Park in Connemara, Ireland. The image shows a dense forest of evergreen trees in the foreground and middle ground. Several large white wind turbines with three blades are scattered across the landscape, some on hills and some in the distance. A small lake or reservoir is visible in the middle ground. The sky is a clear, deep blue, suggesting a bright day. The overall scene is a mix of natural beauty and renewable energy infrastructure.

Energising Communities

Galway Wind Park
Cloosh Valley, Connemara



About Ireland's largest wind farm...

- Jointly developed by SSE Renewables and Coillte
- €280m investment
- Completed in October 2017
- 58 turbines
- 174 megawatts
- Enough power for 140,000 homes
- Offsets 220,000tCO₂ each year
- Co-owned by SSE Renewables and Greencoat Renewables



Development & Construction

Páirc Ghaoithe
na Gaillimhe
Galway Wind Park



Community Approach:

1. Consult early
2. Communicate often
3. Actively demonstrate benefits

- ‘Meet the Buyer’ event
- Project refinement
- Consultation events
- Local sponsorship



Communication

- Locally-based Community Liaison Officers
- Quarterly newsletters
- Dedicated project webpage
- Community information events
- Construction updates via local media
- All materials in English and as Gaeilge



Fáilte chuig Nuachtlitir Pháirc Gaoithe na Gaillimhe SSE

Is é seo an chéad cheann i sraith nuachtlitreacha rialta ó SSE Renewables chun tú a choinneáil ar an eolas faoi thionscadal Pháirc Gaoithe na Gaillimhe atá suite i Cluaise, iad 400m ón bhfeadán.

Eolas faoi Pháirc Gaoithe na Gaillimhe

Galway Wind Park

Newsletter

Spring 2016



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Sustainability Impact Report
November 2016

Economic and Social Benefits

- Contributed **€90m** to Irish GDP
- **€20m** spent directly with local suppliers
- **63%** of civil workers and **43%** of grid workers from within 30km of site
- Over **100** local businesses involved
- **€220,000** in local sponsorship
- Energy efficiency upgrades for local homes – over **€400,000** invested





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Operation

Community Fund

Designed in consultation with community.

Approximately **€400,000** annually:

1. Local Fund
2. Major Projects Fund
3. Scholarship Fund

Focus on energy-efficiency, safety, sustainability, education and recreation.



Galway Wind Way

- Opened in October 2017
- Six recreational walking and cycling trails over 48km
- Approximately 1,000 visitors per month
- Designated buggy/wheelchair route
- Interpretive signage in English/as Gaeilge
- Educational tours





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opportunity ahead...**

Thank You

