

In early 2024, Wind Energy Ireland launched its **Sustainability Strategy**, committing to reduce waste, improve event sustainability, cut travel emissions, and foster an inclusive and diverse culture. As the representative body for Ireland’s renewable energy industry, we also pledged to work with members to develop policy, share best practice, and recognise leadership in sustainability.

01 POLICY TEAM

As Ireland's onshore wind fleet ages, **REPOWERING** is set to become a critical component of Ireland's renewable energy strategy between now and 2030, offering a cost-effective means of increasing generation capacity, improving energy security, and leveraging existing infrastructure.

In June 2025, Wind Energy Ireland held a cross-committee workshop on repowering, bringing together experts from the Planning, Asset Management, Grid, and Markets committees to examine barriers to repowering and life extensions, and identify opportunities for collaborative action across the sector.

A big thank you to our speakers for their valuable insights:

- Patrick McMorrough from Perigus Energy.
 - Ronan O'Meara from EnergyPro.
 - Brian Keville, Marcos Byrne, Eva McCarthy, and Andrew Burke for the committee updates.
- Thanks also to Mason Hayes & Curran LLP for hosting us at their excellent Grand Canal Dock.



02 EVENTS TEAM



- **Catering:** Ensuring local suppliers are given priority. Locally source food where possible.
- **Water:** Reducing the use of water consumption at venues. Use of reusable glass bottles and refill water stations.
- **Printing:** Use of QR codes to reduce printing. Using light boxes in place of pull up banners.
- **Materials:** Reduce the use of compostable cups and plates. Using recycled materials for lanyards, pens, recycled paper note pads.
- **Venues:** Venues are selected based on their sustainability practices, including waste management, water usage, and the reduction of single-use plastics. Access to public transport is prioritised, and the availability of on-site EV charging points is also taken into account.
- **Suppliers:** Sustainable procurement policy implementation. Encouraging local suppliers to start being more proactive in their sustainability and leading to a greater sustainable impact.

03 EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TEAM

Sustainability for everyone!

- Supporting our older neighbours in Kilkenny.
- Outdoor play facilities for a playschool in Sligo.
- New therapy garden for Edenderry's Acorn Project:

The Acorn Project is managed by a community-based organisation, Youth Work Ireland Midlands, that aims to create safe, welcoming spaces for vulnerable young people in the community of Edenderry, County Offaly.

Funding was provided to this organisation by Bord na Móna's Cloncreen Wind Farm to create a safe, therapeutic and aesthetically pleasing garden as a space of refuge for the most at-risk young people. The funding enabled the group to add flower beds, a parking area and a seating area.



04 SKILLS TEAM



- **Key initiatives include:** a paperless-first approach, digital business cards, elimination of single-use promotional materials, and promotion of sustainable travel.
- **Key programmes delivered in 2025 include:** Advanced Diploma in Planning and Environmental Law, Sustainability Strategy and Reporting, Environmental Impact Assessment, and Sustainability for Business Success.
- Through its **Going Green** platform, Green Tech Skillnet provides free accessible ESG resources and learning opportunities, with 130 users, 208 courses, and 95 self-assessments completed. Planned developments include a sustainability blog series and expanded digital engagement.