

## Mynydd y Gwair Wind Farm Community Fund Opens for applications

- Communities invited to apply for funding from the £6 million lifetime investment
- First round of funding awards expected to be made later this year

South Wales, February 2019

Community groups, projects and charities in the Swansea area are invited to apply for funding from the new Mynydd y Gwair Wind Farm Community Fund. The application portal opens Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Applications can be made by visiting [www.scvs.org.uk](http://www.scvs.org.uk) or by contacting Swansea Council for Voluntary Service (SCVS), who administer the fund. The first round of awards from the funding which amounts to £240,000 per year, are then expected to be made once innogy's wind farm becomes fully operational later this year.

Mynydd y Gwair Wind Farm is a 16 turbine wind farm, located between Ammanford and Clydach. It is expected to produce enough renewable electricity to power the equivalent needs of approximately 22,600<sup>1</sup> average Welsh homes once fully operational. The wind farm started generating renewable energy earlier this month and to date, 14 turbines have been erected and four connected to the grid.

Tim James, the project manager at innogy said: "The money that will become available from Mynydd y Gwair Wind Farm is long term sustainable funding and could significantly benefit communities both very local to the project and more widely across Swansea."

Amanda Carr, Director at SCVS commented: "We are really excited about this fund and its potential. We have deliberately kept the application form simple and user friendly. We'd encourage groups and charities in the Swansea area to have a look on our website to find out more or contact us directly if they have any questions."

For more information on the project visit: [www.innogy.com/mynyddygwair](http://www.innogy.com/mynyddygwair) or visit [www.scvs.org.uk](http://www.scvs.org.uk) to find out about the fund.

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We plan, build and operate plants to generate power and extract energy from renewable sources. Part of our portfolio are wind and hydro power plants as well as solar and biomass plants. Currently, we are particularly strongly represented in our home market, Germany, followed by the United Kingdom, Spain, the Netherlands, Poland and Italy. Our aim is to expand renewables worldwide, both on our own and working



with partners. We believe that working together in this way is the key to making the energy transition a success. innogy is one of the major operators of offshore and onshore wind energy in Europe. In addition to wind power, we also want to grow utility-scale solar power plant. In addition to our core markets, we are already active in new markets such as the USA, Australia and Canada.

#### Footnote

<sup>1</sup> Energy predicted to be generated by the proposal is derived using wind speeds monitored in the local area and correlating to meteorological models seeded with historical weather data obtained from satellite, surface-based and airborne measurement systems, which provide longer term data. Equivalent homes supplied is based on an annual electricity consumption per home of 4500 kWh. This figure is supported by recent domestic electricity consumption data available from The Digest of UK Energy Statistics and household figures from the UK Statistics Authority.