

Narec helps Newcastle City Council to up skill and optimise the low carbon opportunity



Project Background

Narec's purpose built Training Centre was officially launched on the 13th April 2011 by Sir Ian Wigglesworth, Deputy Chairman of the Government's Regional Growth Fund Advisory Panel. The Centre was established to deliver the skills required to install, operate and maintain renewable energy systems.

The Narec Training Centre, once a traditional domestic terraced property, has been fitted with a range of renewable and energy saving technologies, allowing prospective trainees to gain hands-on, installer training and experience of working with various low carbon and renewable energy technologies, including:

- Photovoltaic array
- Solar thermal system
- Air source heat pump
- Energy efficient lighting

Project Outline

The feed-in tariff (FiT) scheme, introduced by the UK government last year to incentivise small scale, low carbon electricity generation plays an important contribution to regeneration in helping local authorities to generate additional revenue, reduce carbon and increase

electricity generated from renewables. The courses Narec has designed will help local authorities, organisations, businesses, communities and individuals to take advantage of the opportunity.

Project Summary

Narec, has provided a first phase of training to Newcastle City Council employees to enable the council to install renewable technologies and systems on their buildings.

Newcastle City Council was the first to utilise Narec's Training Centre in Blyth, with nine electricians from the Council's City Works division completing a three day solar photovoltaic panel installer course.

Client Testimonial

David Hall, Head of Service - City Build, Newcastle City Council said: "Narec's knowledge and expertise in delivering training for the built environment is helping the Council to drive forward the delivery of Low Carbon Energy Schemes. This coordinates activity across the council, stakeholders and city, helping us to achieve the national and European carbon reduction targets as part of the 2010 EU Covenant of Mayors Agreement."

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