



Renewable Energy Association

The united voice of renewable energy and clean technology in the UK



GROWING THE RENEWABLE ENERGY & CLEAN TECH ECONOMY



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What is the REA?

The Renewable Energy Association represents the UK's renewable energy industry, covering all renewable sectors across power, heat, transport and renewable gas.

Established in 2001, the REA is a not-for-profit trade association and is the largest in the sector. Uniquely, it covers all renewable energy technologies at all scales and in all sectors. It is also the leading trade association for energy storage which provides it with an unrivalled, joined up approach to representation in the energy sector. The REA also steers on feedstocks for the sector, leading on biofuels and waste to renewable energy. The Association's waste credentials are further enhanced where it represents the UK's organics recycling sector.

REA prides itself on its 'one member one vote' ethos - its co-operative approach and its coherent perspective across the whole field of renewable energy. It has a proven track-record of acting on behalf of all our members to achieve breakthroughs in UK renewables policy and legislation.

REA members are comprised of a wide variety of organisations, including generators, project developers, fuel and power suppliers, equipment producers and service providers. Members range in size from major multinationals to small installers.

Benefits of membership and REA activities

The sheer quantity and great complexity of energy and waste policies can be difficult for companies to keep on top of. REA policy specialists, who are often UK leaders in their field, provide guidance to members on a daily basis to save them time and money. The various sector groups (listed on the back cover) shape our work. The REA regularly lobbies Government, its departments, their agencies and Parliamentarians, through policy development and pro-active campaigns.

The REA's Renewable Energy Finance Forum, works closely with the REA's technology and cross-cutting groups to ensure that our approach on policy takes account of prevailing and future financial markets.

The REA is the secretariat for the APPG on Energy Storage, the APPG on Electric and Automated Vehicles and the APPG on Biomass. REA works collaboratively with Parliamentarians, NGOs, think tanks and others to secure political support at UK and EU level.

REA members receive a weekly email newsletter along with regular alerts, containing key diary dates, consultations details and relevant third events. REA publishes an annual 'state of the industry' report and a variety of other influential reports that are distributed to stakeholders, NGOs, MPs, members and their potential customers.

Members receive a substantial discount to attend a number of set-piece events which are organised throughout the year, including conferences, topical webinars, seminars highlighting key areas of interest, as well as the annual British Renewable Energy Awards and Gala Dinner.

The REA also runs a programme of tailored training workshops, covering policies such as the Electricity Market Reform, Renewable Heat Incentive and Feed-in Tariffs, together with courses on PAS100, PAS110 and Health & Safety.



REA 2018 work programme

REA has grown its membership offering to assist members as they build sustainable, commercial businesses by delivering tangible benefits that can affect their bottom line. REA has also introduced several new marketing platforms including, website promotion, our **REview publication**; the REA's authoritative, annual report on the UK renewable energy market and several additional reports **EV Forward View, Batteries, Exports, and Energy Security** and **The Real Economics of Separate Food Waste Collections**.

This does not detract from the dedicated policy work that REA is renowned for though, indeed policy analysis and development remains firmly at the heart of the Association. The **UK Energy Storage** and the **Electric Vehicles** sector groups continue to be a major focus in 2018 as will the REA's **Decentralised Energy Forum**.

Consumer protection and certification schemes

Renewable Energy Assurance Ltd (REAL) carries out a range of certification and consumer protection activities, all of which promote sustainable energy. REAL's activities fall under two headings: consumer codes and certification schemes. Renewable Energy Assurance Ltd is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Renewable Energy Association. www.renewableenergyassurance.org.uk

Consumer Codes: The Renewable Energy Consumer Code (RECC) aims to guarantee a high quality experience for consumers wishing to buy or lease small-scale energy generation systems for their homes. It's backed by Trading Standards Institute as part of its self-regulation initiative and the logo is a sign that a company has agreed to abide by the high standards set out in the Code. www.recc.org.uk

Certification Schemes: REAL runs the Biofertiliser Certification Scheme, an assurance scheme for the digestate standard (www.biofertiliser.org.uk); the Green Gas Certification Scheme, (www.greengas.org.uk), a means of contractually tracking biomethane from injection to final end use; and schemes for biodegradable compostable and compost-based products including PAS100 and the Compost Quality Protocol - composts for use in England, Wales or Northern Ireland as 'products' (www.qualitycompost.org.uk).



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Sector Groups with a resource/technology-specific focus



Biomass UK

Biomass power and CHP from WID-exempt fuels, energy crops and co-firing.



UK Energy Storage

Driving the development of a sustainable, commercial energy storage market.



Waste to Energy Group

Energy from waste, gasification, pyrolysis, sewage gas and landfill gas.



UK Solar

Solar PV - generating electricity from sunlight.



Geothermal Group

Deep geothermal, extracting heat from deep beneath the ground.



REA Biogas

Anaerobic digestion and biomethane.



Ocean Energy Group

Marine renewables particularly tidal stream, wave power and tidal head turbines.



Wood Heat Association

Wholly-owned subsidiary of the REA. The WHA is the UK trade association for the modern wood heating and related biomass heating industry including wood fuel suppliers, biomass boiler and stove installers and distributors, and anyone involved in the supply chain.

Cross-cutting Sector Groups



Finance Forum

Improving access to affordable finance to support and accelerate the deployment of renewable technologies.



Renewable Transport Fuels Group

Biodiesel, bioethanol, biogas and other renewable alternatives to fossil-derived transport fuels.



EV Group

Representing members across the transport, energy, and technology sectors who are working to deliver a sustainable transition to low-emission vehicles.



Organics Recycling Group

Organics recycling and use of biodegradable resources.



Large Scale Power & Markets

Forum for renewable electricity generation, trading and connection issues, CfDs and the RO.