

South West Scotland

Winter 2025 Update

As 2025 draws to a close, Vattenfall's South Kyle II Wind Farm and Quantans Hill Wind Farm teams - plus our O&M team at South Kyle Wind Farm - would like to thank you for your continued interest in our projects.

As we navigate the planning system for our South Kyle II and Quantans Hill wind farm proposals, we remain focussed on building our network of local suppliers, raising awareness of wind related careers, continuing to engage with local communities and delivering social value where we can.

We'll be back in touch in the New Year with further updates. In the meantime, have a restful, happy festive period and please get in touch if you have any questions.



Platinum Partnership

Vattenfall has signalled its ongoing support for the Ayrshire economy by becoming a Platinum Partner with Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce. It follows more than a decade of active membership with the region's leading business organisation, and will see Vattenfall's Ayrshire projects work closely with the Chamber team to develop local supply chain networks and highlight the growth opportunities being delivered by the renewable energy sector in south west Scotland.

Simon Lejeune, Lead Project Development Manager at Vattenfall, commented: "Vattenfall is delighted to become Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce's only renewable-energy sector Platinum Partner. We look forward to developing this strategic collaboration and supporting Ayrshire businesses to grasp supply chain opportunities associated with major renewable investments such as South Kyle II Wind Farm."



Careers focus in D&G

In September, Quantans Hill Wind Farm Project Manager Sarah Logan-Symm (below) joined Vattenfall's local liaison officer Carol Kane at Dalry High School for Glenkens Skills & Jobs Fair, a well-attended new event organised by the school parent council and Glenkens Community & Art Trust.

Then in October, we were back at The Bridge in Dumfries (above) for Developing Young Workforce's excellent 'A Bridge to Your Future' careers fair, meeting hundreds of secondary school pupils.

At both fairs, we highlighted the wide variety of careers in renewables, and the jobs that may be available to local people should Quantans Hill Wind Farm be consented. Thank you to everyone who came and chatted with us.





Space, skills and social media

This autumn, Dumfries House (above) was the historic setting for an inspirational and enlightening STEM Careers Conference hosted by The King's Foundation.

Vattenfall was thrilled to be part of the event, hosting a careers-focussed stand alongside businesses and organisations from across a wide variety of STEM-related disciplines. The conference drew senior school pupils from a wide area stretching from Kirkcudbright to East Renfrewshire, and speaker topics ranged from space junk and asteroids to textile design, social media, tech innovations and keeping cows happy.

Thank you to the STEM team at The King's Foundation for including Vattenfall and highlighting the incredible breadth of STEM opportunities across Scotland. We were also delighted to part of the Kings Foundation's Green Energy Skills Week in December with a presentation at Irvine Royal Academy.

On your bikes

Thank you to the South Kyle Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund for inviting us to launch Dalmellington's fantastic new cycle track (right). During the construction of South Kyle Wind Farm, Vattenfall gathered feedback and worked with local people and groups to help build a community benefit structure that would meet local needs and aspirations. Almost three years on, it is great to see one of the first big projects supported by the fund come to fruition - and see so many local people of all ages getting on their bikes and enjoying the excellent new facility.

Whilst Vattenfall's involvement in the fund concluded at its launch in 2023, it is great to keep in touch and follow the projects the wind farm fund is now making possible.

School fairs, interviews and presentations

Vattenfall has been visiting numerous local schools this autumn and winter. In November, local liaison officer Carol Kane and South Kyle Wind Farm's Roz Gauld were talking about wind farms and renewable energy on visits to St Luke's and St John's Primary Schools in North Ayrshire (pictured below).

We were also delighted to be at Doon Academy's recent Pathways event, meeting youngsters from feeder schools Littlemill, Patna, Bellsbank and Dalmellington Primaries, as well as Doon Academy's current S1s.

We were also pleased to help Grange Academy's 2026 leavers prepare for the future with two rounds of mock interviews.



Youth climate conference

In October it was great to be back at East Ayrshire Council's Youth Climate Conference. Bringing together youngsters from primary and secondary schools across the authority, this annual gathering is an opportunity for East Ayrshire's young citizens to develop strategies to reduce waste, lower carbon and protect the environment.

Once again, the ideas, commitment and determination of the youngsters was as inspirational as it was humbling. Congratulations to all who took part and we look forward to hearing how they get on next year at the EAC Clean Green Schools Awards.

Local links for our supply chain

Vattenfall's proposals for both South Kyle II Wind Farm and Quantans Hill Wind Farm identify the potential for local businesses to supply the projects, and we are continuing to work with local partners to highlight these opportunities, connect with local businesses and take feedback.

Throughout 2025, we've attended numerous networking events and business fairs, and we're keen to continue to reach out to local businesses throughout 2026. If you have a business event coming up you would like us to attend, please get in touch. Likewise, if you would like your business details added to our supplier directory, we'd love to hear from you.

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