



Register for a focus group to discuss potential impacts of offshore wind on local communities!

AECOM have been commissioned by the Scottish Government to conduct focus groups with members of the public from five different locations across coastal communities in Scotland.

Focus groups in Stonehaven (Aberdeenshire), Dundee City and Buckie (Moray) will be held **in person**; and focus groups in Lewis (Na h-Eileanan Siar) and Orkney Island will be held **online**.

We want to hear from members of the public what specific social and economic issues they believe need to be considered for the development of offshore wind farms and decarbonisation to inform policy decisions. You do not need to a be a specialist in offshore wind, we are looking for people from different backgrounds who live in these five areas.

The focus groups are expected to take place between $9^{th}-31^{st}$ October 2023 and last **90-120 minutes**. Participants will be compensated with a £40 voucher after attending the discussion. To register your interest, please complete <u>this</u> survey by <u>24th</u> <u>September at 5:00pm</u>.

To maintain confidentiality, all personal information submitted in this survey will be stored on AECOM's secure server in line with GDPR requirements and deleted once the primary research is completed. All focus group contributions will remain anonymous on AECOM record and in publications. For more details on how we collect, handle and process personal data, please see the AECOM privacy notice: https://aecom.com/ca/global-privacy-statement/.

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