

# Working with the wider community

RES is committed to ensuring that, wherever reasonably practicable, local contractors and employees are used in all aspects of wind farm development, construction and operation. The major opportunities arise during the construction phase when suitably qualified local firms are invited to bid for different aspects of construction, such as foundation laying and electrical works. Construction materials are normally sourced locally (i.e. within the county) and local transport and plant hire companies used wherever possible.

The Beinn Bheag Wind Farm, if consented, is predicted to deliver approximately £7.5 million of inward investment to the area in the form of jobs, wider employment opportunities and use of local services, in addition to approximately £1.7 million paid in business rates<sup>1</sup> (based on the 159.6MW scoping layout) during each year of operation.

## **Shared ownership - Is this of interest to the community?**

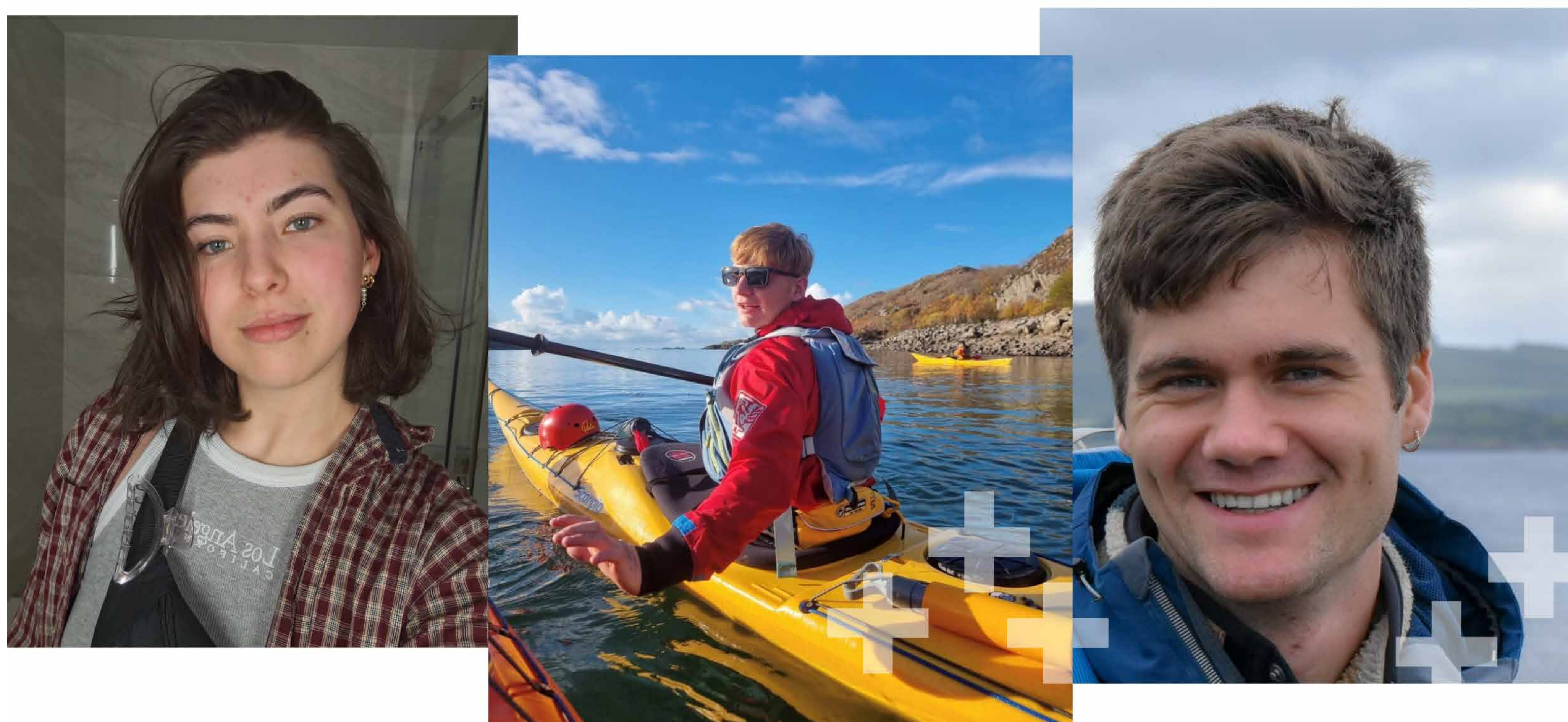
RES is also interested to understand whether there is any appetite from the community in exploring the potential opportunity of shared ownership in the wind farm.

If shared ownership is something that interests you, please put this on your comments form and speak to our project team. Local Energy Scotland is the independent body that manages the Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES). To find out more visit: [www.localenergy.scot/hub/shared-ownership](http://www.localenergy.scot/hub/shared-ownership)

## **Partnership with the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI)**

Earlier this year, RES partnered with the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) to support their Student Development Fund designed to help successful recipients to gain new skills, build confidence and enhance their student experience. RES has committed to donate a total of £60,000 to the Fund over the course of three years, and this year has pledged £20,000 to 23 students providing them with the best possible opportunity to maximise their talents and future careers.

<sup>1</sup>The business rates figure of £1.7 million each year has been calculated from the most recent non-domestic rates revaluation in Scotland (2023 valuation) and predicted performance of the wind farm.



## **Beinn Bheag Wind Farm proposal**

[beinnbheag-windfarm.co.uk](http://beinnbheag-windfarm.co.uk)

