

Torness Power Station

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Providing electricity across the country

**Thanks to
EDF Energy,
millions of Scots are
benefiting from
low-carbon power**

Torness power station aims to be a good neighbour to the communities that live in this beautiful corner of Scotland and a reliable producer of safe, clean electricity.

So far in 2016, we have already generated more than 7TWh of low carbon electricity; that is enough power for 1.7 million homes and earlier this year we were pleased to announce a life extension for Torness.

This announcement saw the station's expected closure date be extended from 2023 to 2030.

As East Lothian's second largest employer the life extension means we can offer job security to the people who work here as well as continued investment in the area's economy through our supply chain and community investment.

The detailed technical and safety reviews we carried out before making the life extension decision give us confidence that Torness is able to operate safely for longer, providing Scotland with reliable, low carbon electricity. It is a great achievement for the staff and contractors who have worked hard to show that we can deliver on performance, reliability and safety.

Plant reliability has been excellent in 2016. There has been only one unplanned shut down since the start of the year and on 24 September, reactor 1 marked the milestone of generating continuously for 800 days - one of the longest continuous runs in nuclear generating history. During this time it has produced 10.5TWh of electricity which is enough power 2.6 million homes for a year.

This is an outstanding performance and tribute to the consistent safe working practices demonstrated by the station team.



Hinkley Point C: EDF is delighted by the British Government's decision

EDF is delighted by the British Government's decision to confirm its agreement for the construction by EDF of two EPR reactors at Hinkley Point.

The approval of this construction project for two nuclear reactors on the Hinkley Point site in Somerset in the South-West of England marks the conclusion of ten years of preparation and rigorous planning. It will benefit from the joint strengths of the British and French nuclear industries, and will lead to the creation of 25,000 job opportunities on the site during construction, and will offer numerous opportunities for local and national businesses.

The construction of Hinkley Point C marks a whole new phase for EDF Energy, as it does for the British nuclear industry and for the regional economy of the South West.

Hinkley Point C will deliver thousands of high quality jobs and apprenticeships for people in Somerset and across the UK. A total of almost £4bn will go into the South West regional economy over the lifetime of the project. EDF Energy has already awarded South West contracts worth more than £435m, creating 650 jobs.

New generation of apprentices for Torness power station

Four-year programme offers training in a range of professional and life skills

Torness power station's new generation of apprentices have started their careers with EDF Energy with a trip to the Lake District.

James McFarlane (18, from Foulden, Berwick Upon Tweed), Grant Hoddinott (18, from Duns), Rhys Demainczuk (21, from Dunbar), Grant Shiells (21, from Edinburgh), Stewart Battison (22, from Coldingham) and Greg Ferguson (17, from Musselburgh) recently met up with other apprentices from EDF Energy's sites across the UK for an outward bound week in Ullswater.



The team building week was the culmination of a recruitment process which started last autumn. Hundreds of application forms were submitted and after a round of interviews and assessments 48 were selected to join stations across the EDF Energy fleet.

Station director, Paul Winkle, said: "Our new recruits had a great time during their outward bound week, meeting the people they are going to be living and working with for the next two years. Now they are all eager to take on the new and exciting challenges their training will present."

They then travelled to HMS Sultan near Portsmouth where they will spend the first two years of their apprenticeship. During this time they undergo training in academic and workshop environments to ensure they gain an excellent introduction to engineering and develop a strong skills foundation.

Apprentice co-ordinator, Gillian Farquhar, said: "For most of our apprentices this is the first time they have lived away from home so part of the programme covers the development of life skills, like confidence and communication. We have dedicated development and 24-hour residential care teams in place on site and apprentices have access to a wide range of leisure facilities."

In total, the apprentices will spend four years in training to attain an Advanced Modern Apprenticeship Certificate in Engineering, a BTEC Level 3 (ONC equivalent) and also an NVQ Level 3. The last two years of their training are spent back on site at Torness.



Five stars come naturally for our visitor centre team

The visitor centre at Torness power station is celebrating retaining its five-star Visit Scotland rating.

The centre was rated "exceptional" during a recent mystery shopper visit and was particularly commended for the attitude and knowledge of the staff as well as the quality of the information on offer to visitors.

Robert Gunn, plant manager said: "Torness power station produces enough, safe, reliable, low carbon electricity to power two million homes and I want to be able to tell as many people as possible how we do that.

So I am delighted that the free visitor centre and station tour have retained their five-star rating. It is recognition of the welcome and quality of experience visitors to the station have."

Torness power station Visitor Centre

Come and visit us Monday - Saturday between 9am - 4pm.

See for yourself how a nuclear power station works.

All plant tours require advanced booking.



Telephone:
01368 873 909
Email:
tornessvisitorcentre.com
Entry and tours are free!

APPRENTICESHIP INFORMATION DAYS

EDF Energy is holding two information days for applicants to its successful Engineering Maintenance Apprenticeship scheme.

The information days will prove invaluable to anyone considering a career with EDF Energy.

Come along, find out more and meet the team at the **Torness Visitor Centre** on **Saturday 5 November** or **Sunday 4 December**. There will be **three sessions** on each day - **9:30**, **11:00** and **13:00**

Spaces are limited and you **MUST** book. To book, please call Ashleigh Dickson on 01368 873847 or email: ashleigh.dickson@edf-energy.com
www.edfenergy.com/apprentices

Employees raise funds for charity

Station staff celebrated raising £26,600 for Marie Curie as the company's partnership with the charity comes to an end.

Employees at the power station have undertaken hundreds of activities, from gate collections and raffles, to charity waxing and daffodil planting to raise enough money to provide 1,330 hours of hands-on nursing care and support.

In total EDF Energy has raised £965,000 across its 30 sites and the company's Business Energy Services team donated a £40,000 service to help identify and implement energy efficiency improvements at Marie Curie's nine hospices.

This far exceeded the initial three year fundraising target of £300,000. All the funds raised from the partnership will help Marie Curie Nurses provide more care to people with terminal illnesses in their own homes and in the charity's nine hospices.

Last year alone, the charity cared for more than 40,000 terminally ill patients across the UK and provided emotional support to their families.

Station director Paul Winkle said: "The staff at Torness has made a fantastic contribution to EDF Energy's charity partnership over the past three years. The money they have raised will pay for 1,330 nursing hours. Most people have been touched by cancer in some way so I'm very proud of all the effort they have put in to support the charity."

The charity partnership finished at the end of April.

Staff also got involved with Rio 2016 by doing their bit to "supercharge" the ParalympicsGB team.

They held a fundraising day and collected more than £700 for our Paralympic athletes through a bake sale and dress down day.

Our new charity partnership with Breast Cancer Now launched on 4 October.



Power station team help Musselburgh family project



An East Lothian community project has benefited from the helping hands of a group of staff from Torness power station.

A team of nine recently visited First Step to help give the centre a makeover. The group tidied the garden, carried out painting and refurbished chairs.

First Step is a community project for families with young children, which is based in the Musselburgh East housing estate.

One of the team who helped at the centre, Faith Scott, said: "We are delighted to have helped with the improvements. All of the team really enjoyed the day and we are extremely pleased with the results of our work."

Volunteer coordinator with First Step, Heather Young, said: "We are very grateful for the help the team gave us. They got through a power of work which meant our playrooms and garden looked great when the children returned after the summer break. It wouldn't have been possible without the help from the team at Torness power station."

The work was carried out through EDF Energy's 'Helping Hands' scheme which allows staff to take two paid days off a year to help out in the local community or an environmental cause.

EDF Energy and Breast Cancer Now, the UK's largest breast cancer charity, are working in partnership for three years.

Together, we aim to raise £450,000 as well as building awareness of breast cancer among EDF Energy employees nationwide.