



Press release

Stephen Kinnock MP visits RWE's revamped office to celebrate pivotal role in Wales' renewable energy mix

- RWE, the largest power producer in Wales, hosted Aberavon MP, Stephen Kinnock, at its recently renovated Baglan office
- The visit underscored RWE's pivotal contribution to Wales' flourishing energy sector – with an installed capacity of 3GW of energy across 12 sites
- RWE has invested over £3 billion in Welsh projects and directly employs over 320 people in the country

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RWE, the largest power producer in Wales, recently welcomed Stephen Kinnock, MP for Aberavon, to its recently refurbished office in Baglan, Wales, emphasising RWE's significant role in the country's renewable energy sector.

During the visit, Stephen Kinnock MP toured RWE's Baglan office, which since 2006 has served as a crucial hub for the development of onshore and offshore projects, including the company's ambitions in the Celtic Sea.

The office, from which staff developed the company's three operational onshore wind farms in Wales, at Clocaenog Forest, Mynydd y Gwair and Brechfa, received new workstations, meeting areas and breakout spaces, plus updated temperature controls and cosmetic updates.

Speaking after the visit, Stephen Kinnock MP said: "I really enjoyed my visit to RWE's offices in my Aberavon constituency, where we discussed the huge potential that Wales has in terms of leading the way on the transition to renewable energy. We discussed the range of opportunities that the renewable energy landscape has to offer as a source of highly skilled jobs and as the driver of a modern manufacturing renaissance. What we need now is a strong partnership between the UK and Welsh governments, investors and businesses to ensure that we move forward together with the urgency and commitment that is required if we are to win this global race."

Mark Picton, Senior Stakeholder Manager (Celtic Sea and Pembroke Net Zero Centre) at RWE said: "We are pleased to have welcomed Stephen Kinnock MP to our Baglan office. This visit underscores our commitment to Wales, as one of the largest investors in the country, and our steadfast determination to advance its renewable energy potential."

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The visit highlighted RWE's vast contribution to Wales' energy sector, encompassing over 3 GW of installed capacity across 12 sites, including 1 GW from renewable sources powering approximately 550,000 homes. RWE's decade-long investment of over £3 billion in Welsh projects, in collaboration with partners, means the company directly employs 320 professionals in the region.

As part of the company's investment in Wales, a new onshore wind service center was [inaugurated](#) in April 2023. Located near Neath, the centre furthers the generator's dedication to innovation, sustainability, and support for renewable energy and net-zero targets in Wales.

The company is progressing plans for Wales' biggest investment in renewable energy this decade, Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm, alongside the Pembroke Net Zero Centres' hydrogen, carbon capture, and battery projects in addition to its ambitions for floating wind in the Celtic Sea.

RWE is also planning to scale-up from its current UK portfolio of 33 operational wind farms, exploring a potential onshore pipeline of a further 22 projects, several of which are in Wales.

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RWE is leading the way to a green energy world. With an extensive investment and growth strategy, the company will expand its powerful, green generation capacity to 50 gigawatts internationally by 2030. RWE is investing more than €50 billion gross for this purpose in this decade. The portfolio is based on offshore and onshore wind, solar, hydrogen, batteries, biomass, and gas. RWE Supply & Trading provides tailored energy solutions for large customers. RWE has locations in the attractive markets of Europe, North America, and the Asia-Pacific region. The company is responsibly phasing out nuclear energy and coal. Government-mandated phaseout roadmaps have been defined for both energy sources. RWE employs around 19,000 people worldwide and has a clear target: to get to net zero by 2040. On its way there, the company has set itself ambitious targets for all activities that cause greenhouse gas emissions. The Science Based Targets initiative has confirmed that these emission reduction targets are in line with the Paris Agreement. Very much in the spirit of the company's purpose: Our energy for a sustainable life.

RWE in Wales

RWE is the largest power producer and renewable energy generator in Wales with more than 3GW of energy across 12 sites, of which around 1 GW is renewable. Our existing renewable energy portfolio generates one third of Wales' renewable energy production – enough to power 550,000 homes. We directly employ around 300 people in Wales in dedicated offices in Baglan, Dolgarrog, and the Port of Mostyn, as well as onsite at our power stations. Over the last decade, RWE and partners have invested over £3 billion to deliver projects in Wales. Our major investments include 2.2 GW Pembroke Power Station, and the £2bn Gwynt y Môr Offshore Wind Farm. During construction the Gwynt y Môr site produced 700 jobs, with a further 100 highly skilled jobs created longer-term. A further £250 million was invested building onshore wind projects at Brechfa Forest West, Clocaenog Forest and Mynydd y Gwair. RWE's state of the art O&M hub is located in the Port of Mostyn where a team of more than 100 operate Wales' fleet of offshore wind, including Gwynt y Môr (576 MW), Rhyl Flats (90 MW) and North Hoyle (60 MW).

RWE also operates six hydro power stations in North Wales from the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) hub at Dolgarrog, providing 45 MW of power and with a total energy storage capacity of 4,800 MWh.

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