

# Microgeneration Training for Unemployed Newcastle Residents



## Background

Forty unemployed residents from across Newcastle City have received training to help them to secure employment in the growing renewable energy sector.

The project, supported by Newcastle Science City and Newcastle City Council, received funding from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) to develop transferable skills in Microgeneration to ensure local jobs are created and sustained in the green economy.

## Outline and Objectives

Narec Distributed Energy, in partnership with Newcastle Warm Zone managed and delivered the training to skilled and semi-skilled unemployed technicians interested in up-skilling, diversifying and gaining knowledge of new microrenewable technology systems.

Narec Distributed Energy conducted a training needs analysis to decide the most appropriate and flexible training programme tailored to suit the learners' individual needs. Trainees chose from a variety of accredited courses which included; working at height, PV installation, solar thermal installation and systems maintenance.

## Outcomes

A number of trainees who successfully completed the course have already gone on to secure employment in the area of renewable energy. Newcastle Science City hopes to build on the project achievements thus far, helping more citizens to develop their expertise and skills in this new and emerging market.

## Client Testimonial

Ian Wilson, qualified Gas Engineer said:

*"The training we have received has been first class and I'm hopeful that the experience and qualifications that I've gained as a result of completing this training will help me in my search for employment."*

## Further Information

Further information on both commercial and funded training can be found at

[www.narecde.co.uk/training](http://www.narecde.co.uk/training)



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