

Morag McCorkindale, Chief Operating Officer Aberdeen Renewable Energy Group

When with Aberdeen City Council Economic Development service, Morag identified renewables as major opportunity for the city region and was responsible, in conjunction with partners, for developing the renewable energy industry development strategy:

- Led the development of the renewables strand of Aberdeen City Council's diversification strategy and gained cross-sectoral support for its implementation
- Built and maintains productive relationships with partners and key stakeholders at all levels
- Recruited the founder members of AREG and grew the membership to 120 organisations
- Established AREG as a fully functioning independent company
- Developed a bid which secured £2.3 million from the Scottish Government
- Secured leverage of £4.5 million to date

Morag was previously a business advisor with Aberdeen Enterprise Trust where she advised over 1,500 entrepreneurs and assisted 102 businesses to start up. The business survival rate at three years was 75% which is 25% above the national average.