

**Argyll and the Islands is no stranger to innovation; the region is home to over a GW of consented and operational renewable energy developments with substantial ongoing activity.**

Onshore, the Cruachan hydro-electric scheme was the first reversible pump storage hydro of its scale in the world. The community windfarm development on Gigha was the first of its kind in Scotland, supporting the island's energy needs and providing valuable community income.

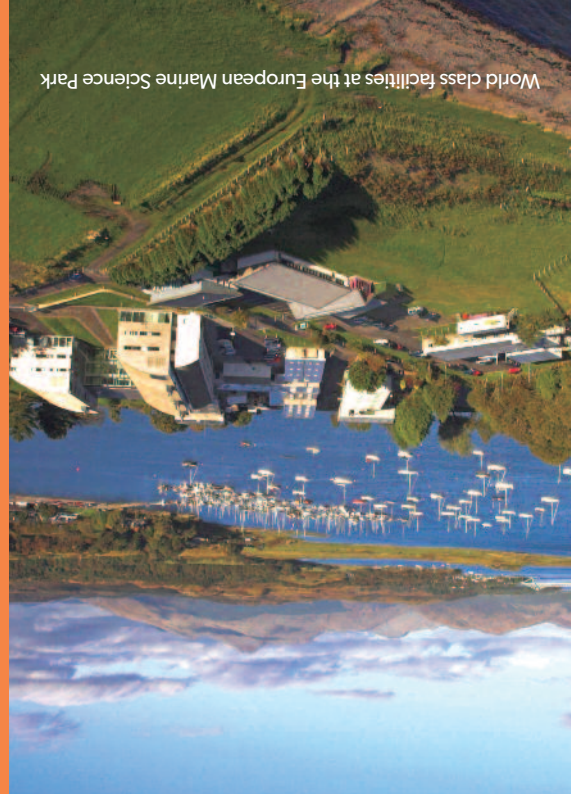
The Assisting Communities to Connect to Electric Sustainable Sources (ACCESS) project is trialling demand-side management on Mull. While the Algae Solutions for a Local Energy Economy (ASLEE) is seeking to provide a high value use for locally produced energy. Working with our communities to develop local energy economies to provide solutions to local needs and assist in the delivery of the Scottish Government Energy Strategy.



**The region has access to a huge unique and significant mix of indigenous renewable energy resources in hydro, wind, wave, tidal and biomass.**

The region's eastern borders are close to Scotland's central belt, while its Western Seaboard is close to Ireland, creating power supply opportunities to large urban areas and rural communities on both sides of the Irish Sea.

Argyll and Bute Renewable Alliance coordinates the contributions of relevant agencies, developers and stakeholders to assist in realising its vision to be at the heart of renewable development in Scotland.



World class facilities at the European Marine Science Park



**The potential for renewable energy in Argyll and the Islands has attracted the interest of developers and fired the imagination of public bodies and private investors alike:**

“Argyll and the Islands will be at the heart of renewable energy development in Scotland by taking full advantage of its unique and significant mix of indigenous renewable resources and maximising the opportunities for sustainable economic growth for the benefits of its communities and Scotland.”

**ABRA Vision**



ABRA (Argyll and Bute Renewable Alliance) is a strategic public/private sector alliance led by Argyll and Bute Council and Highlands and Islands Enterprise with a vision for working together and aligning partner resources to power Scotland's future and assist in the delivery of the Scottish Energy Strategy.

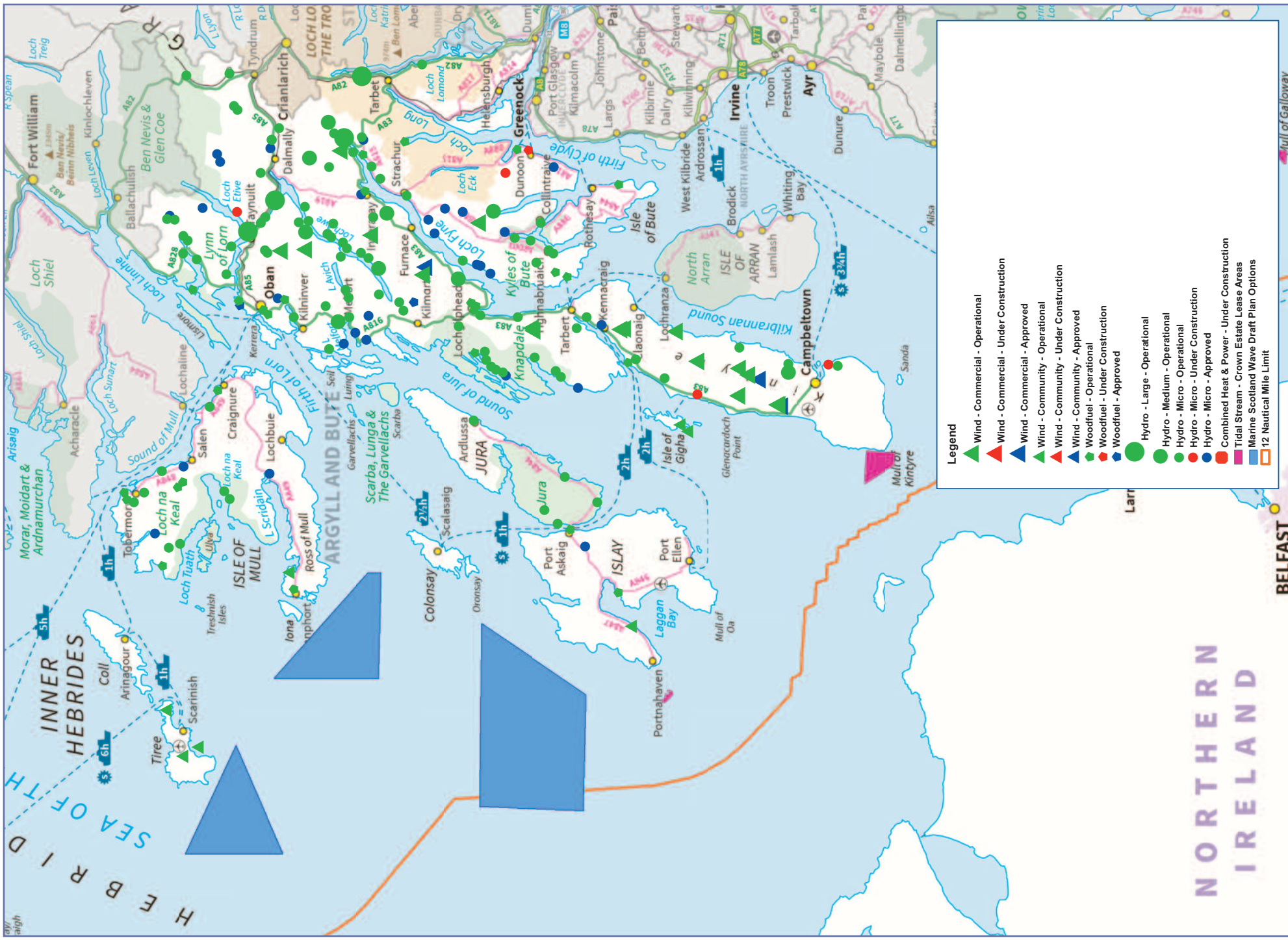


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**Argyll and the Islands – Renewable Developments (Non-Domestic)**

The above map provides information as at April 2018. More up-to-date and detailed information relative to renewable development can be accessed via the Council’s interactive renewables map at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/renewable-energy](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/renewable-energy)



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