

Great Island Power Station

Investing in our Communities



Great Island Power Station entered commercial operation in 2015, replacing the former oil-fired station at the site. Great Island Power Station is capable of producing around 464MW of electricity, it is now one of the cleanest and most-efficient power stations on the island of Ireland, generating enough electricity to power half a million Irish homes.

Delivering value and making meaningful contribution to the Great Island community is at the heart of our plans. We are committed to our role as a responsible neighbour and are working across the region to invest in communities through engagement, support and funding.

A dedicated member of the Great Island community

We know that understanding our communities is key to successful delivery for SSE Thermal which is why we appoint a dedicated colleague to manage relationships and act as a single point of contact for our communities and stakeholders. Embedding ourselves into the local area allows us to understand local opportunities and impacts that may come along with our operations and means that we can add real value. Jonah Faulkner is SSE Thermal's dedicated Community Liaison Officer for Great Island. Jonah joined our team in 2023 and has been working with communities, local groups, businesses, schools and colleges. **Jonah can be contacted directly, with his details available on our dedicated project website: ssethermal.com/great-island**

SSE Volunteering

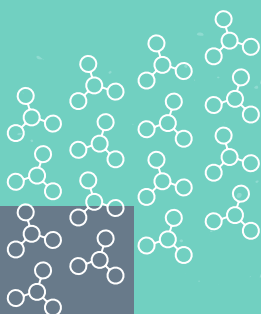
Providing a helping hand to community projects is a key part of our commitment to the Great Island area, activities such as local litter picks and volunteering time for the development of community projects allow us to be part of the area. All SSE colleagues across the UK and Ireland are empowered to support community projects by giving one day of their working year to do so. **We would love to hear from local groups that could benefit from our help.**

Educational Outreach

Engaging with students through schools and colleges allows us to help inform and educate young people about our projects and the importance of flexible power generation to support the electricity system in Ireland. We are delivering a range of engagement activities and education tools, targeting young people at varying stages and would like to understand further focus and ideas as we develop an outreach programme for schools and colleges in Ireland. **We would be delighted to hear from local schools that would be interested in learning more about our work in Ireland.**

Enhancing the Natural Environment

SSE Thermal is committed to enhancing the natural environment on and around our site and we will be working closely with the site to identify further biodiversity enhancement opportunities. **We would be keen to hear about any areas locally which you feel should be a focus for us.**





SSE Match Funding

Many of our site colleagues live locally and are passionate about raising funds through sponsorship based fundraising. SSE Thermal provide match funding up to the value of €200 each year to support these activities and we will launch a campaign at Great Island to get more colleagues involved in this initiative.

Inspiring the Next Generation

We know that we will require the skills and ambition of our next generation to deliver future projects across Ireland. SSE Thermal works closely with local secondary schools and colleges, attending careers fairs and workshops to raise aspirations, increase awareness of careers within the energy industry and help to promote jobs and careers opportunities on our site. **We continue to look for ways to support, please reach out to us with opportunities.**

STEM Activities

Science, technology and engineering are central to the delivery of our projects and we know that they will continue to play a crucial role in the delivery of our industry leading developments. That's why we are working with schools, colleges and academic partners to develop STEM based learning packages for our next generation of energy leaders. **SSE Thermal takes an interest in any opportunities to get more involved in STEM activities around the Great Island area**

Establishing and hosting Community Liaison Groups

SSE Thermal commits to establishing, hosting and administering Community Liaison Groups (CLG's) ahead of construction projects at a Thermal site. A CLG is a group that meets on a regular basis and is used to facilitate open, honest and informative communication between the project team and local community and is made up of community representatives, members of the project team and SSE Thermal's dedicated stakeholder management colleague. Around existing operational assets, such as Great Island, SSE Thermal will work to identify and communicate with key stakeholders, community groups and members at key milestones or with key information from the site. **If you are interested in representing your community please reach out to us to register your interest.**

Working with the local Supply Chain

SSE Thermal are committed to using local businesses, suppliers and providers where possible. Alongside our delivery partners we engage via 'Meet the Buyer' events which provide an opportunity for suppliers to meet our project teams and learn more about the services that we are looking to procure. In addition to project specific events we are working promote supply chain readiness in Ireland. **If you feel that you have a business or service that can support the delivery of projects at our Great Island site, please register your interest.**

A dedicated fund for our Community

We are introducing a community investment fund of €25,000 per year for community projects in the Great Island area. The introduction of an annual fund will enable us to support organisations that are working to deliver benefits for the community in and around our existing site. SSE Thermal are working with local communities, community group representatives and stakeholders to design a fund that takes local needs and aspirations into consideration. **You can learn more about the community investment fund and how to apply on our website: ssethermal.com/great-island**

If you would like to get in touch to provide ideas, comments or suggestions, please contact:
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