## Renewable



energy



schemes

in Moray



Reframing as a way to see a long –term solution to fuel poverty, greener energy production and Community Wealth Building (CWB).

Status quo not working as there is fuel insecurity nationally and locally. Rural communities must pay high costs and often only have access to expensive fuel types.

Heat pumps are expensive to run at today's electricity prices and they are the suggested renewable solution. Housing stock is unsuitable and hard to heat.

Current onus on individuals paying for their own renewables means that those in fuel poverty cannot afford to install the means to cheaper energy.

## **CWB**

So if we look at this through a Community Wealth Building lens....

Communities empowered to produce their own energy via community schemes – this supplies affordable electricity which can then power heat pumps etc. Community rather than individuals are funded to install the means of energy generation. It also provides jobs via manufacturing and installation alongside retrofitting insulation.

There is also the future prospect of generating a local energy market. This keeps investment in people and energy local to communities – they will become more resilient.

Creating Energy Hubs and learning exchanges mean that communities can learn what works from each other as each geographic location has different sources of energy generation.



Coastal Connections is a project funded through the Community-Led programme – an award from The National Lottery Community Fund, made possible by National Lottery players

