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Wheelabrator Parc Adfer announces first round of grants for Deeside community projects

Range of local organisations awarded funding

DEESIDE, WALES – 25 January 2018 – Industry leading energy-from-waste operator and developer, Wheelabrator Technologies, has announced the award of the first round of community grants from the Wheelabrator Parc Adfer energy-from-waste facility, to help support and fund local initiatives across Deeside.

Wheelabrator Parc Adfer's £50,000 community benefit fund will support local community groups and organizations that directly benefit the Deeside Partnership area. This area covers the Flintshire County Council wards of Connah's Quay, Shotton, Garden City, Queensferry and Aston. The first round of grants has now been awarded, and has provided funding to a diverse range of local community groups including Connah's Quay Old Peoples' Association, the disabled children's charity Daffodils, St John Ambulance Deeside Division, Ysgol Croes Atti, Eye 2 Eye and Dangerpoint Ltd.

"We believe our social responsibility begins with the communities in which our facilities operate and our customers live and our employees work," said Wheelabrator's UK Managing Director Paul Green. "We want to make a positive contribution to our local communities and this first round of community grants will help to make a real difference to the organisations supported. We're committed to serving as an actively engaged community partner and maintaining strong working relationships with our host communities and surrounding areas"

Funding provided to the Connah's Quay Old Peoples' Association will be used to enhance its headquarters. Daffodils will be hosting an Easter celebration for disabled children at Connah's Quay Naval Club and Eye 2 Eye, will be providing 'sing along a lunches' for registered blind people at the St Andrews Community Hub, Garden City with the funding provided by Wheelabrator Parc Adfer. The St John Ambulance Deeside Division are buying two new defibrillators for use at community events across Deeside and Flintshire more widely and Ysgol Croes Atti will be using its funding to fund new outdoor learning areas in the school playground. And Dangerpoint will use their grant from Wheelabrator Parc Adfer to host visits for 130 pupils from three Deeside schools at the Dangerpoint Deeside Area Safety Project.

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Wheelabrator Parc Adfer is an energy-from-waste facility which will generate ~ 19 MW (gross) / 17 MW (net) of clean, sustainable electricity to power local homes and businesses. Once operational in 2019, Wheelabrator Parc Adfer will be able to process up to 200,000 tonnes per year of post-recycled waste, generating enough renewable energy to meet the needs of over 30,000 homes. The facility will also generate steam, which can be used to provide a useful power source for adjacent homes and businesses.

Wheelabrator was selected as preferred bidder to build and operate the Wheelabrator Parc Adfer facility over the next 25 years as a public-private partnership, with support from the Welsh Government to serve the five local authorities that make up the North Wales Residual Waste Treatment Project. These authorities are Conwy County Borough Council, Denbighshire County Council, Flintshire County Council, Gwynedd Council and the Isle of Anglesey County Council.

Wheelabrator has voluntarily provided this benefit fund for local community groups, charities and other organisations, and the £50,000 will be made available across the facility's three-year construction phase. Second round funding applications are currently being reviewed, and an announcement on additional support for Deeside community groups and organisations is expected in the coming weeks.

More information, eligibility criteria and applications forms are available from the [Wheelabrator Parc Adfer website](#).

About Wheelabrator:

Wheelabrator Technologies is the second largest US energy-from-waste business, and is an industry leader in the conversion of everyday residential and business waste into clean energy. Wheelabrator currently has a platform of 23 power-producing assets across the US and UK —19 energy-from-waste facilities (three under construction), four independent power plants as well as four ash monofills and three transfer stations. Wheelabrator currently has an annual waste processing capacity of over 6.8 million tonnes (7.5 million US tons), and a total combined electric generating capacity of 853 megawatts—enough energy to power more than 805,000 homes. Wheelabrator also recovers metals for recycling into commercial products. The company's vision *To develop, deliver and realize the potential of clean energy* speaks to Wheelabrator's ongoing commitment to the development of clean energy solutions for its customers and local communities. Wheelabrator is owned by Energy Capital Partners, an energy infrastructure-focused private equity firm. For more on Energy Capital Partners, please visit www.ecpartners.com. For more on Wheelabrator, please visit www.wtienergy.co.uk.

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