

Three Edinburgh charities celebrated at Holyrood

✘ Three exceptional Edinburgh based charitable projects were last week invited to the Scottish Parliament, as part of an event marking the tenth anniversary of the ScottishPower Energy People Trust.

The charities – COMAS, Changeworks and Lister Housing Cooperative – were selected to attend the event, thanks to their exceptional work using Trust funding to help alleviate fuel poverty in Edinburgh.

- **Change works** put £90,615 of funding from the Trust towards its Cosy Kids project, which provided energy efficiency advice and income maximisation support for families with young children, helping over 800 people in the city.
- **COMAS used** £13,522 Trust funding to set up their Canny Living project. The project helps people in Edinburgh that are struggling with life due to financial hardship, recovery from addiction or social isolation and encourages them take control of their finances and make the most of their income.
- **Lister Housing Cooperative** invested £90,000 funding from the Trust in installing a range of solar thermal water heating systems to 49 poorly insulated tenement flats, helping tenants save money on their fuel bills for the long-term.

✘ ScottishPower Energy People Trust – tenth anniversary parliamentary event
Held at the Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh.

Over the past decade the Trust has provided over £4million to

projects across Scotland, helping over 114,000 people and resulting in a combined increase in household income of over £15million and a legacy of energy efficiency.

Ann Loughrey, Company Secretary and Trustee of the ScottishPower Energy People Trust, said: “We are proud to have been able to play our part in helping these worthwhile projects make a huge difference to the lives of people throughout Edinburgh and the surrounding areas. It means a lot that the teams could attend our tenth anniversary event and inspire politicians, industry stakeholders and fellow charitable organisations with their stories.”

James Dornan MSP, said: “We were pleased to welcome the ScottishPower Energy People Trust to Holyrood on Tuesday, and acknowledge its tenth anniversary of helping charities across Scotland, and the UK. On the evening, we met with representatives from 25 inspirational organisations which are committed to helping vulnerable Scots improve their lives and it was a privilege to hear about their great work.”

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