

#GE2019 – SNP message today is all about green energy

The SNP leader visited North Edinburgh Arts this morning to push today's campaign message about renewable energy, and to support the Edinburgh West candidate, Sarah Masson.



Sarah Masson SNP candidate for Edinburgh West and the SNP leader Nicola Sturgeon at North Edinburgh Arts PHOTO ©2019 The Edinburgh Reporter

Today's message is green. Nicola Sturgeon said that the SNP's Green Energy Deal will support a transformational shift toward the energy schemes of the future.

The SNP's Green Energy Deal will ensure that green energy

schemes get the long-term certainty needed in Scotland and across the UK.

Ms Sturgeon will press the case for more UK government support for the critical renewables industry by proposing a package of measures that would:

- ensure green energy projects get the long-term certainty needed to support investment
- deliver a wave and tidal energy industrial strategy with adequate funding
- allow onshore wind to compete for 'contracts for difference' support – the UK Government's main mechanism to support low-carbon electricity generation.
- reform the punitive transmission charging regime that discourages investment in Scotland
- set a clear timescale for the delivery of the interconnectors to Scotland's islands
- press the Tories ditch their plans to quadruple the VAT on home solar
- support a diesel scrappage scheme if trading for ultra-low emission vehicles.

The SNP lost this constituency in 2017 to the Liberal Democrats who won it back from the SNP with a majority of 2988.



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Ms Sturgeon told The Edinburgh Reporter : “We’ve got to transform the way we heat our homes, just as we have to transform the way we travel to work and the way we generate electricity.

“Scotland is ahead of the game in all of this as we seek to meet the world leading climate change targets we set but there’s a lot of work to do – which is why our challenge to the UK parties is match Scotland’s ambition so that the whole of the UK can lead this charge against climate change. “

The SNP leader [@NicolaSturgeon](#) today visited The Shed at [@northedinarts](#) which is funded by the Climate Change Fund. Her campaign message today is that Westminster should get its act together on green energy pic.twitter.com/NCvL9l2TCm

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Sarah Masson is the SNP candidate in Edinburgh West. At the moment she works with Gordon Macdonald MSP and has in the past worked with Ben Macpherson MSP. Sarah talked to us after the SNP Leader's visit and the video interview will be online on our YouTube channel soon.

The Shed at North Edinburgh Arts is funded by The Scottish Government Climate Change Fund. They received a grant of £133,830 for two years to develop the project. It is situated in the old Coop building behind North Edinburgh Arts and is a place where people can make or mend stuff. They have lots of tools and allowed the SNP leader to wield a sander – wearing protective gear!

There is a drop in on the third Saturday of each month from 10.00am to 1.00pm.

The idea is to use stuff which would otherwise be thrown away and recycle it into something useful. It is open to men and women.

The Shed is open to anyone **aged 16** or over from the North Edinburgh community. The Shed is **free** to use and refreshments will be available at each session. The Shed operates a first come, first served drop-in system and they can accommodate a maximum of 7- 8 members at any one time. This may be reduced if they have people who are wheelchair users in the shed.



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