New energy hub opening — find out how to save money

Utilita Energy has sponsored Hibernian Football Club for some time and now they are helping the club to promote energy savings for anyone living in Leith.

On 1 February 2020 the Hibs' legend Pat Stanton will open the new hub which is the first of its kind in Scotland at 41 Newkirkgate Leith EH6 6AA.

This will allow potential customers to speak face to face with advisers to get advice on energy efficiency and apps that can help. The #EnergyHighFive campaign offers a list of five simple things to do to cut home energy use which could result in savings of £163 each year. While the adults get on with saving money at the launch, children will be kept entertained with balloon modelling, a magician and face painting.

Local schools were asked to design energy savings posters and the winning poster will be on display on the Newhaven Road billboard from 3 February 2020. The winner will be announced at the opening, and will receive a £50 voucher. All schools that entered will receive £100 and the winning school will receive £500. Every school is also offered a sports kit up to the value of £500, courtesy of Utilita.

As well as this the space can be booked and used by the community from Monday to Saturday, and Hibs' merchandise will be sold there later in the month.

Bill Bullen, CEO commented on the new Utilita Energy Hub Launch: "Today a tenth of all Utilita's 800,000 customers are based in Scotland, making this latest hub launch extremely important. Leith's Utilita Energy Hub will be the third one to open, and at least seven more will be rolled out throughout 2020.

"We've been bowled over by the level of engagement from local schools, and judging the energy-saving posters has been really rewarding — it's great to see young people so tuned-in to what's happening to the planet, and why we all need to do our bit in reducing wastage.

"The Hub is open to all locals, not just Utilita customers. We are here for anyone who wants to make the energy they pay for go further. A 20-minute trip down to the new Utilita Energy Hub could save locals around £163 per year on their your energy costs, thanks to our #EnergyHigh5 campaign, so stop by to save."

Open from Monday to Saturday 9-5.30pm, the Utilita Energy Hub will also sell a variety of Energenie energy-saving devices starting from as little as £9. Many devices are Alexa-enabled, catering for households who have fully-embraced the handsfree power of voice control.

The new <u>Utilita</u> Energy Hub has employed seven locals to become *Utilita Energy Experts*. They are all local people who are knowledgeable and passionate about helping people to use less energy at home. There will be four Utilita Energy Experts offering support at all times.

Any local community groups interested in using the dedicated community space free-of-charge can book a session by emailing edinburgh@utilita.co.uk

