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## Eilidh to join charity team



**Eilidh Gunn who has been seconded to work with Foundation Scotland.**

A NATIONAL charity which helps administer several community wind farms in Caithness has seconded a far north woman to work with it.

Eilidh Gunn, who works for Thurso-based consultancy Caithness Renewables Ltd, is to join the community engagement team of Foundation Scotland next week.

She will continue to operate out of Caithness Renewables' office, working two days a week for Foundation Scotland on an initial trial period. She will work closely with Carol Elliot, Foundation Scotland's Highland-based community engagement executive.

In Caithness, the charity administers community wind funds covering the Watten, Tannach and District and Latheron, Lybster and Clyth community council areas. It is also working with community representatives in Dunnet and Canisbay to establish the Stroupster Fund that will become operational when BayWa's 13 turbine scheme goes live next year.

Foundation Scotland is also working with Dounreay Stakeholder Group to follow up research it undertook last year on behalf of RWE Innogy, which runs wind farms at Bilbster and Causewaymire.

Rachel Searle-Mbullu, Foundation Scotland's head of community investment, said: "Working with communities on community funds is quite a complex process. The opportunity for communities to direct resources in this way has not happened very much before.

"Our experience from working with communities and developers across Scotland is that hands-on professional support, sensitively provided, can be very valuable. "