**Can Renewable Energy Technologies save you money?**

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In recent years much has been written on the need to diversify our energy use away from fossil fuels to renewable energy technologies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The question for many, however, is what impact could it have on my business? Will it save me money?

The College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE) is running a series of workshops to introduce farmers and growers to renewable energy technologies. The workshops are aimed at those who wish to know more about existing and emerging renewable energy technologies.

The workshops will cover the potential benefits of the technologies for your business including:-

* Payback on a renewable energy investment
* Financial support available for each of the technologies
* Grant funding including Renewable Heat Incentive and Renewable Obligation Certificates (ROCs)

The technologies covered include:

* Biomass heating systems, Solar PV and hot water systems, Wind power and Heat Pumps

The seminars will be held on the following dates

**Tuesday, February 3rd Strabane**

**Thursday, February 5th Coleraine**

**Tuesday, February 10th Downpatrick**

**Thursday, February 12th Dungannon**

**All seminars begin at 7:45pm**

To book a place at one of the workshops, please contact Greenmount Technology Admin on 028 9442 6770, or denise.andrews@dardni.gov.uk . For further information speak to Garrett O’Sullivan on 028 9442 6869 or garrett.osullivan@dardni.gov.uk.

Note the full range of renewable energy technologies will be covered at the Practical On-farm Renewable Energy event on Enniskillen Campus on Wednesday 18 February, running from 1.00 to 9.00 pm

*Photo Caption:* Learn about the potential of renewable energy technologies at a series of Introductory Workshops run by CAFRE in February.