

## Local museum gets juiced up with help from npower

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Staff from npower and Doncaster Museum and Art Gallery are celebrating the installation of a new £300,000 biomass boiler; replacing the museums two old, inefficient, oil fired boilers, which had come to the end of their useful life after 20 years of service.

The new biomass boiler is expected to give the museum at least 30 more years of heat and power, as well as saving energy (<http://www.npower.com/home/index.htm>) and money.

The new boiler has been jointly financed by the npower Juice fund and Doncaster Council with npower financing over two-thirds of the overall cost. The project has been managed throughout by Doncaster MBC Construction Services Team.

Since the npower Juice fund was launched in 2001, it has raised more than £2 million and the money has helped to support renewable energy and community based projects all over the country. The Juice fund also helped three other community based projects over the summer holidays by installing renewable technologies which include solar panels and another biomass boiler.

To help with the celebrations, npower has invited Woodfield Primary School to the museum for a Climate Cops Academy day and a mini energy treasure hunt. Installing the new biomass boiler will help keep the museum warm and safe for many years, keeping Doncaster's treasures safe for generations to come.

Councillor Cynthia Ransome, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Communities, said: "Of the two boilers that were in the museum, one had broken and the other was beyond the end of its economic life, so we are delighted with our new biomass boiler.

"It will help keep the museum powered for many more years to come and enable future generations to enjoy its fantastic exhibitions in warm and comfortable surroundings."

Matthew Cole, npower's Project Manager, added: "It's fantastic that we were able to help Doncaster Museum as it's a real asset to the community here. Not only will it enable the museum to stay open for at least another 30 years, but it will also save them money."

Rosie Winterton, MP for Doncaster Central said: "It's fantastic to see Doncaster Museum, npower and the council working together on this project. The new energy-saving measures will provide the museum with years of heat and power using renewable energy."

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Notes to Editors:

- Doncaster Museum and Art Gallery was opened in 1964 as a purpose-built Museum to display important collections of natural history, archaeology, local history, fine and decorative art
- Last year the museum saw 78,000 visitors through its doors

- npower Juice is electricity (<http://www.npower.com/Home/Electricity-and-gas/Products/index.htm>) that is 100% matched with renewable sources. It costs the same as npower's standard electricity.
- Juice has been certified in line with OFGEM's Green Supply Guidelines, as a tariff with genuine environmental benefits. In addition, for every customer that takes Juice, npower makes a contribution of £10 every year into the Juice Fund. The fund is then used to support community based renewable generation projects which provide a real environmental benefit.

About npower:

Npower is a market leader in renewable energy and sources the green energy (<http://www.npower.com/Home/Energy-efficiency/Green-energy/index.htm>) for juice directly from renewable sources, at no extra cost. Juice is generated from a number of renewable energy sources - primarily at Britain's first major offshore wind farm, North Hoyle, off the North Wales coast. npower has made a commitment to purchase enough electricity from renewable sources to match the Juice customers' electricity consumption.

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