



[The Scottish Beacon](#) is an award-winning collaborative journalism project, that is both a network of 24 independent, community-based publications all over Scotland, and a platform amplifying stories from Scotland's communities.

## Call for Investigative Journalist

Are you passionate about investigative journalism that drives change? Do you have a track record of uncovering stories that hold power to account? Do you have experience of reporting on renewable energy issues? The Scottish Beacon is seeking an experienced investigative journalist to lead a collaborative reporting project examining the hidden costs of Scotland's green energy boom.

## About the project: Power Shift – The Hidden Costs of Scotland's Green Energy Boom

The rapid expansion of renewable energy and carbon capture projects is transforming Scotland's landscape. While these developments are often hailed as a win for local communities, the reality can be starkly different. From corporate land grabs and mismanagement of community benefit funds to the displacement of locals, the costs can be high.

This collaborative journalism project will investigate these impacts, amplifying the voices of affected communities and pushing for greater transparency and

accountability. It will also highlight what is working, as we want this to be an opportunity for cross-community learning – enabling those who are further along this journey to share lessons with those just starting out.

This project is funded by the [Tenacious Journalism Awards](#).

## Key Responsibilities:

- Lead national-level investigative reporting on land use and renewable energy in Scotland, providing relevant data on local stories to our partners.
- Coordinate with a network of 10 community-based publications to provide any support required to produce in-depth articles and podcasts.
- Conduct fieldwork, interviews, and data analysis to uncover the true impacts of land sales and energy projects.
- Work collaboratively to ensure a cohesive editorial vision across multiple platforms.
- Use your contacts to generate co-publishing opportunities to produce maximum impact where possible.

## About you:

- Proven experience in investigative journalism, particularly in environmental reporting.
- Strong analytical skills and the ability to uncover complex stories.
- Excellent writing and editing skills, with a focus on clarity and impact.
- Commitment to ethical journalism and amplifying underrepresented voices.
- Comfortable with project management and working independently.
- Experience in podcast production **or** willingness to work closely with producer.

## Why join us:

- Be part of a pioneering project combining local journalism with national impact.

- Collaborate with a network of community publications across Scotland.
- Shape the conversation on land use, corporate influence, and the true costs of Scotland's green energy transition.

## Contract and payment:

- Freelance role with a fee of £3,000 (based on working 20 days at £150)
- Project timeline: March–October (with reporting work done April-September) 2025
- Travel expenses also covered.

Please note we are also releasing a separate call out for a podcast producer to work on this (with a budget of £2500). If you have skills in both investigative reporting and podcast production, you are welcome to apply for both.

## To Apply:

Email your CV (or link to your linkedin), a cover letter (no more than one page) explaining what your approach to this collaborative work would be and why you want to be part of it, and 1-3 examples of your work to [rhiannon@scottishbeacon.com](mailto:rhiannon@scottishbeacon.com) by Monday 24th March at 12pm.

Please include "Investigative Journalist Application" in the subject line.

For more information, visit [www.scottishbeacon.com](http://www.scottishbeacon.com)