

How to build societal forces, how to build alliances

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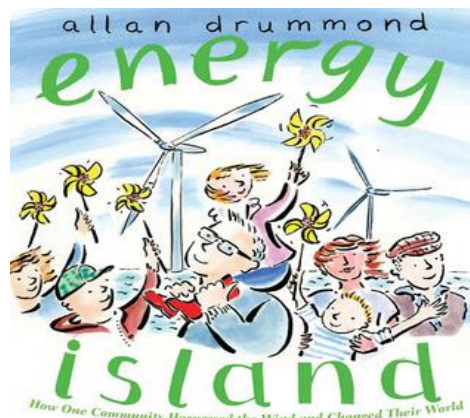
Where does The Movement stand?

• Is there a European movement for Energy Democracy?





Lots of initiatives exist...





There is not (yet) a strong movement for energy democracy

- Not networked and connected outside of National contexts
- No shared political analysis
- No real strength
- Not yet capacity for solidarity
- (re) municipalisation vs (middle-class) cooperatives





Ecopower

- ❖ Large Belgian Cooperative in the Flemish region
- ❖ 50,000 members, 23 staff
- ❖ Protection for vulnerable customers
- ❖ Historical Anti-nuclear movement



South Tyrol, Italy

The oldest
cooperative?

Established 1926

Supply of energy and
electricity grid

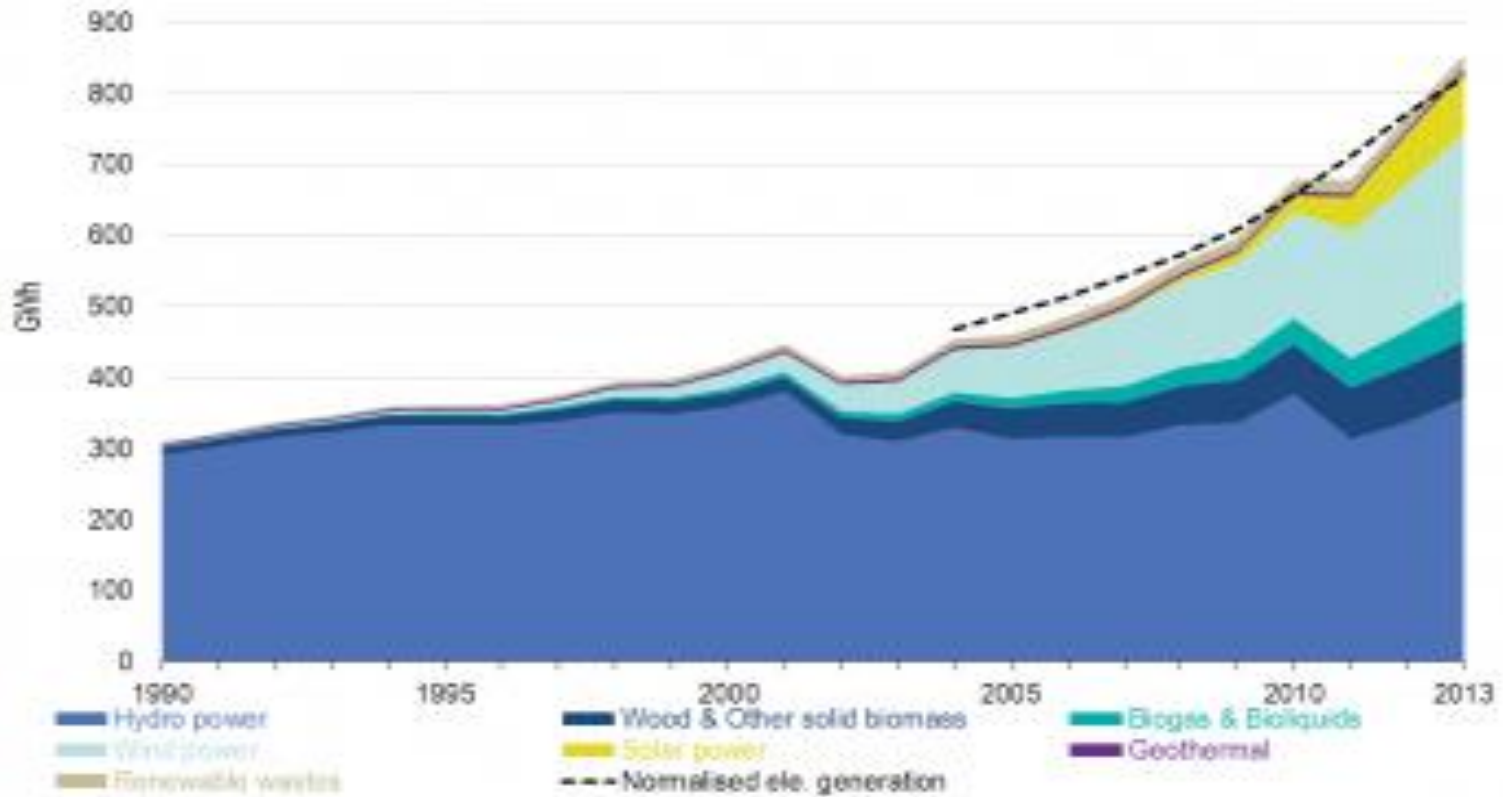


Nordic Folkecentre for Renewable Energy

- People's centre for renewable energy since the 70s
- Grassroots birthplace of renewable energy
- Counter cultural
- Global Justice



The energy transition is well underway



Source: Eurostat 2014





How do you build a movement?

- ✦ Make connections and shared experiences
- ✦ Connect to Dirty Energy Struggles and Leave it in the Ground movement
- ✦ Just transition and genuinely good renewable jobs.
- ✦ Politicize!



Vision for better society

- ✦ Tackling fuel poverty (Brixton)
- ✦ Breaking corporate control



Open questions

- ✦ Ownership and control and Empowerment
- ✦ Who are our Political allies?
- ✦ What fate the Energy Oligopoly (Big six)?
- ✦ What are our demands as a movement





Thank you!

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