

Policy Analyst – Energy Storage Ireland

Job Type – Full-Time Permanent

Location – Flexible (hybrid homeworking), some travel to office in Naas and other events.

Salary - Competitive Package

Closing date for applications: Friday 20th October 2023

Applications (CV and a one-page cover letter) should be emailed to:

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Background

Energy Storage Ireland (ESI) is a representative body for the energy storage industry in Ireland and Northern Ireland. We work to promote the benefits of energy storage to decarbonising Ireland's energy system and engage with policy makers to support and facilitate the development of energy storage on the island.

ESI represents 60 member companies from across the energy storage supply chain from developers, asset operators, suppliers, investors, consultants etc. Our vision is to deliver the energy storage technologies necessary to enable a secure, carbon free electricity system on the island of Ireland by 2035.

We work closely with statutory bodies and State agencies on behalf of our members to support the growth of energy storage and other renewable technologies like wind and solar energy. We carry out and commission research, develop reports and consultation responses to contribute to the development of policy on energy storage. We conduct promotional campaigns and communication activities to promote the benefits of energy storage to stakeholders and the wider public. We also organise conferences, networking events and training courses to grow the energy storage industry and the capabilities of our members.

ESI's values are:

1. **Leadership** – *We take the lead by demonstrating expertise, vision and innovation*
2. **Sustainability** – *We commit to sustainability by promoting carbon neutrality and the transition to renewable energy*
3. **Integrity** – *We act with integrity and transparency with our stakeholders*
4. **Safety** – *We make the safety of employees, customers, and stakeholders the top priority in all business operations*
5. **Positivity** – *Our approach is positive, constructive and collaborative*
6. **Ethical Compliance** – *We adhere to laws, regulations, and industry standards, and conduct business according to ethical principles*

You can find out more about the work of ESI, our members, structure, events and reports by visiting our website: www.energystorageireland.com

Role Description

Duties will be varied and will include but are not limited to:

- Deliver on the key strategic objectives of ESI through interactions with members and with stakeholders in the energy industry;
- Provide support to the ESI team and members to support the delivery of energy storage in Ireland and Northern Ireland, including through the co-ordination of committee meetings and working groups, managing membership administration and membership queries;
- Stay up to date on policy developments in Ireland and Northern Ireland and help the team to deliver key objectives in the areas of grid, markets, safety and other related policy;
- Prepare written and verbal reports for internal and external audiences on relevant policy matters;
- Lead in drafting consultation responses and position papers;
- Provide support to the Head of ESI including communication activities via ESI social media/website, developing proposals, maintaining records, and co-ordinating updates for members;
- Create, maintain, and extend over time a strong network of contacts across the sector;
- Performing any other tasks or duties required of the role as appropriate;
- Perform all work to a high standard with a focus on on-time delivery:

Knowledge/Skills/Experience

Essential:

- Engineering, economics, business or climate/energy related third level qualification.
- Enthusiastic and high calibre candidate with a minimum 1-2 years' experience working in a policy and/or public affairs role
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team, while also being able to define and guide own work under minimal supervision.
- Knowledge of energy policy in Ireland and Northern Ireland.
- A strong customer focus and alignment with ESI values.
- Excellent organisational and communication skills.
- Experience of establishing and maintaining effective relationships with internal and external stakeholders.
- A strong, high performing work ethic with a focus on personal development and clear goal setting.
- Ability to introduce innovative ideas, solutions, or new ways of doing things.
- Experience working with MS Office tools – particularly MS Word, MS Excel, and MS SharePoint.

Desirable:

- Experience of working within a similar team environment.
- Experience working with external customers and stakeholders.
- Knowledge of energy storage technologies, their use cases and benefits.
- Knowledge of electricity markets and electricity grid policy in Ireland and Northern Ireland

Work Environment and Benefits:

ESI is a sister association of Wind Energy Ireland (WEI) which is the representative body for the Irish wind industry, working to promote wind energy as an essential part of the country's low-carbon energy future. WEI manages the administrative functions of ESI via an agreement between the two associations and so this position will be employed by WEI, but the primary duties of the role described above will fall under the remit of ESI.

We pride ourselves on being a good employer, creating a people focused company, developing teams, enhancing roles and supporting our people.

We are committed to a positive progressive culture that facilitates a great work environment.

We currently provide the following non-salary benefits:

- We offer 23 annual leave days and 4 company days.
- We operate a healthcare scheme whereby employees can avail of a healthcare package, provided by VHI.
- We operate a pension scheme with employer contributions.
- We facilitate and have systems in place to allow for hybrid working and support flexible working.
- We have supportive maternity & paternity schemes in place.
- We have an Employee Assistance Programme available for each staff member.
- We operate a competitive sick pay scheme.
- We supply a phone and laptop, along with home office equipment.
- We pay mileage at standard civil service rates.