



# OWGP Programmes

**Funding and Business Support  
for the Offshore Wind Supply Chain**

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## Who are we?

The Offshore Wind Growth Partnership (OWGP) is the UK's flagship supply chain growth funding and business support organisation dedicated to offshore wind. OWGP operates a strategic model designed to support the UK's offshore wind supply chain through two primary avenues: Business Transformation Programmes and Funding Programmes. Each category plays a vital role in our mission to unlock potential, develop capability and accelerate growth.

OWGP was established by the Offshore Wind Industry Council (OWIC) as a not-for-profit organisation as part of the Offshore Wind Sector Deal in 2019 to:

- support the growth of offshore wind supply chain in the United Kingdom
- deliver increased supply chain productivity, competitiveness and export capability
- facilitate new innovations and development of intellectual property
- encourage UK-based businesses with transferable capabilities to enter the offshore wind sector
- cooperate with other key stakeholders to advance cross-sector engagement
- promote greater collaboration in the offshore wind sector within the UK and worldwide

In December 2024, OWIC announced that OWGP would assume the role of the Industrial Growth Plan (IGP) Delivery Body, described in the IGP as "an independent organisation with the core responsibility and mission to support the growth of the UK's offshore wind supply chain."

## Our Aims



**Increase economic value**



**Increase skilled jobs**



**Increase exports**



**Increase UK Intellectual Property**

## Showcasing our programmes

### Business Transformation Programmes



Business transformation programmes are designed to address needs such as sector knowledge, business strategy, tender readiness, and increased competitiveness.

### Funding Programmes



Our funding programmes aim to increase capability, capacity, innovation and technology commercialisation.

## Our progress so far...

OWGP plays a dual role in strengthening the UK offshore wind sector. Alongside delivering direct support to supply chain companies through targeted programmes, OWGP has actively contributed to broader, strategic initiatives that continue to shape the future of offshore wind.



**1,336**  
New jobs in offshore wind



**£24.5m**

Awarded to UK companies through **grant funding** and **business transformation programmes**.



**343**  
Projects supported

# Our approach

OWGP work with businesses across the supply chain to address the UK's productivity gap, enhance business competitiveness and export capability, facilitate innovation and Intellectual Property (IP), foster greater collaboration within the supply chain and accelerate growth.

The OWGP works directly with UK-based companies of all sizes and experience levels in offshore wind to develop their capabilities and equip them with the tools they need to compete within the international market.

Our approach is multi-faceted and organised across four key strategic areas:



### Project-Led Growth

Enhancing engagement between offshore wind developers and supply chain businesses to boost competitiveness, build capacity, and share knowledge about future opportunities.



### Business Competitiveness

Offering bespoke business improvement programmes tailored to the unique needs of each company, helping them to become more competitive and capable of securing contracts in the expanding offshore wind market.



### Building New Capacity

Identifying and addressing gaps in the supply chain to increase UK content in offshore wind projects, attract new entrants to the market, and grow the capabilities of existing businesses.



### Supply Chain Innovation

Supporting the development of cutting-edge technologies, such as robotics, advanced manufacturing, new materials, and automation, in partnership with the Catapult Network and other innovation programmes.

OWGP is increasingly playing a dual role in strengthening the UK offshore wind sector. Alongside delivering direct support to supply chain companies through targeted programmes, OWGP has actively contributed to broader, strategic initiatives that continue to shape the future of offshore wind.

Supported by strong governance from OWIC and collaboration with a wide range of stakeholders, OWGP is well-positioned to continue driving growth and innovation in the UK supply chain.



## Collaboration across Industry

Driven by our core mission to develop the UK's offshore wind supply chain, OWGP collaborates with the following stakeholders to support sector growth

### Our stakeholders:

- Regional Clusters
- Devolved Governments (Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland)
- Supply Chain Companies
- Offshore Wind Developers
- Delivery Partners
- Economic Development Agencies (Innovate UK, Scottish Enterprise)
- Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE) Catapult
- UK Government (DESNZ, DBT)
- Offshore Wind Industry Council (OWIC)
- RenewableUK and Scottish Renewables
- The Crown Estate and Crown Estate Scotland

## Our Delivery Partners

OWGP's business transformation programmes are specifically designed to be flexible, offering tailored support that addresses the unique needs of UK offshore supply chain companies. Achieving this requires a strong collaboration with our delivery partners.



WEST Programme delivery partners  
BVG Associates  
Evereze  
Lumen Energy & Environment  
ORE Catapult Development Services  
Operry Group  
RTC North Ltd  
Xodus Ltd



F4OR Programme delivery partner  
ORE Catapult



SHARING IN GROWTH  
SIG Programme delivery partner  
Sharing in Growth Ltd.



## Business Transformation

OWGP offers a suite of Business Transformation Programmes which support companies at different stages of their journey within offshore wind to help them go further, faster.

These programmes provide access to a range of support services for companies of different levels of maturity, whether already operating in offshore wind, or seeking to transition into the sector.



### Wind Expert Support Toolkit (WEST)

WEST is our sector entry and growth advisory programme, designed to give participants strategic clarity through the provision of specialist advice, market intelligence and sector insights.

- ➔ Specialist advice & market intelligence
- ➔ Short-term engagement, scalable depending on company needs
- ➔ Bespoke intervention plan for each participant



### Fit 4 Offshore Renewables

Fit 4 Offshore Renewables F4OR has been designed to help the UK supply chain companies prepare to bid for work in the offshore renewables sector. 'Granted' status means the company is operating at a level that meets the needs of their potential customers.

- ➔ Shaped by senior representatives of the industry
- ➔ Specialist advice on sector-specific and business excellence
- ➔ A focus on preparation for bidding



### Sharing in Growth Offshore Wind Programme (SiG)

The OWGP Sharing in Growth Offshore Programme (SiG) is a holistic competitiveness improvement programme suited to ambitious UK companies looking to accelerate growth in the Offshore Wind sector.

- ➔ Business coaching by experts with industry experience
- ➔ Focus on delivery and continuous improvement
- ➔ Strategic programme with multi-industry track record



## Funding Programmes

OWGP run a pipeline of funding competitions to identify projects with high-impact potential and award funding on a competitive basis to encourage innovation and increase capacity in the offshore wind supply chain.

We encourage applications from existing supply chain companies as well as those looking to diversify from adjacent sectors.



### Innovation Funding Programme

Targeted at projects that deliver new innovative technologies, products and services to the sector.

➔ £25K to £200K



### Development Funding Programme

Targeted at projects delivering company growth through new capability addition or expansion of existing capabilities.

➔ £50K to £500K



### Manufacturing Facility Support Programme

To support essential pre-investment activities, paving the way for capital investment in new or expanding manufacturing facilities.

➔ £150K to £500K



# Wind Expert Support Toolkit (WEST)



## Expanding understanding in offshore wind

Wind Expert Support Toolkit (WEST) is a short-term support programme designed to help UK businesses enter and grow in the offshore wind sector. WEST provides tailored specialist advice, market intelligence, and strategic insights delivered by expert consultants to empower participants to overcome challenges and grow their presence in offshore wind.

WEST offers a tailored approach to addressing the specific needs of each participant, ensuring that businesses receive relevant, actionable guidance. Delivered in partnership with carefully selected expert consultants, WEST aims to equip companies with the tools necessary to thrive in this dynamic industry.

### Why WEST?

As offshore wind continues to attract new market entrants, WEST ensures that UK companies are adequately informed about how the sector works. Companies who are already operating in the sector but are looking to accelerate their growth benefit from tailored advice to optimise the positioning of their products and services. The programme is designed to be flexible and scalable, ensuring that businesses of all sizes and experience levels in offshore wind can receive relevant, actionable guidance.



The programme typically runs for around four months and is open to businesses of all sizes and levels of experience. Participants benefit from a comprehensive assessment of their needs, followed by tailored recommendations and ongoing support, ensuring that each company can address the challenges most relevant to its growth.

### Who can apply?

You are eligible to apply if your company meets any of the following criteria:

- ✓ Company or organisation based in the UK with at least 12 month's worth of financial information available on Companies House.
- ✓ Established UK company or organisation that works in other sectors and wishes to transition into offshore wind sector.
- ✓ UK company or organisation already working in the offshore wind sector requiring more focused support or strategic input to enhance their future direction and growth opportunities.

### Over 190 companies supported

We learnt so much more than we thought possible.

JOANNE LAWES  
Director of Operations  
Entrust Professional Services



I would rate my overall experience on the WEST Programme as 5-star. The program provided exceptional support and guidance, facilitated valuable networking opportunities, and effectively addressed barriers to entry into the offshore wind supply chain.

LUCINDA CRAIG  
Business Development Director  
J+S Subsea



### Get involved

Join the growing number of businesses transforming their future with WEST. Apply today!

<https://owgp.org.uk/programme/wind-expert-support-toolkit-west/>

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# Fit for Offshore Renewables

**F4OR**  
Fit For Offshore  
Renewables

## Improving tender readiness to win contracts

Fit 4 Offshore Renewables (F4OR) is a programme designed to help UK supply chain companies prepare to bid for contracts in the offshore renewable energy sector. OWGP fund the National Cohort, that is delivered by ORE Catapult

F4OR provides support through two key strands: Business Excellence and Sector Specific. The Business Excellence strand focuses on internal operations such as leadership, project management, health and safety, and quality control, while the Sector Specific strand covers sector knowledge, cost competitiveness, risk management, and technical safety standards.

### Why F4OR?

F4OR sets out to improve the share of contracts won in the offshore wind market by UK companies. Its content has been developed with industry tender requirements in mind. Through completion of the F4OR programme, participants are awarded 'Granted' status, meaning companies have had their capabilities verified ahead of industry tenders. The programme is delivered in cohorts, facilitating wider engagement and enabling participants to explore potential areas of collaboration between companies.



Open to companies within and outside the industry, F4OR helps participants refine their capabilities and improve their tender readiness, regardless of their experience in the sector. Each business undergoes a detailed assessment by independent experts, with action plans developed to address gaps and improve readiness for success.

### Who can apply?

You are eligible to apply if your company meets any of the following criteria:

- ✓ Be a UK-registered company (Please note, academic institutions and RTO's are not eligible for this opportunity).
- ✓ Show a clear intent to diversify their business into offshore wind or demonstrate existing capability in the sector.
- ✓ Hold ISO:9001 accreditation from a recognised body or be actively working towards this.
- ✓ Demonstrate how the support would impact their business and the additionality it would provide by participating in the programme.

## 29 companies supported

F4OR has been a valuable benchmark for Green Marine, corroborating expectations on areas of strength and identifying multiple areas for continuous development.

MYLES METSON  
Operations & Technology  
Director, Green Marine



Wozair Ltd are immensely proud to have achieved F4OR accreditation. As a result, we have gained knowledge and a greater insight into the market and an introduction to cohort members. Moving forward we are confident the F4OR status together with our other achievements will improve our business opportunities.

SARAH BURNS  
QHSE Co-Ordinator  
Wozair Ltd



### Get involved

Improving your tender readiness with F4OR.

Check your eligibility today!

<https://owgp.org.uk/programme/fit-4-offshore-renewables-f4or/>

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# Sharing in Growth



## Strategic accelerator for ambitious business

Sharing in Growth (SiG) aims to improve competitiveness of companies through management capability development and business coaching.

SiG offers an holistic approach to business transformation. Always led by the overall business strategy, SiG helps companies to overcome productivity, efficiency, and cost challenges to make companies competitive in the global marketplace and accelerate growth.

SiG is our most intensive and long-term programme providing advanced strategic input to enhance the participating companies' future direction and growth opportunities. OWGP's programme and project managers work with the Sharing in Growth team to deliver the programme, select participants and perform analysis of the business and its strategic direction.

This informs the unique intervention plan that sets out the scope and objectives of the engagement. Companies receive in-depth guidance and continuous on-site reviews from SiG experts, with support often provided over multiple years.

### Why SiG

SiG helps ambitious businesses to be and stay competitive. The programme provides participants with the tools and means to learn by doing whilst being coached by an expert multi-disciplinary team of growth specialists. SiG has a proven track record in other industries and has already enabled multiple success stories of growth in offshore wind.



Target companies for SiG should already be active in offshore wind and have capabilities that align with Industrial Growth Plan. SiG typically caters to companies with a headcount of over forty and a minimum of £5 million in annual turnover, willing to set ambitious growth targets.

### Who can apply?

You are eligible to apply if your company meets any of the following criteria:

- ✓ Be a UK-registered company (Please note, academic institutions and RTO's are not eligible for this opportunity).
- ✓ Demonstrate existing capability in the offshore wind sector.
- ✓ Have senior leadership commitment and buy-in to participation on the programme.
- ✓ Understand their own needs and deficiencies as a business and have a proactive attitude to business improvement and constructive feedback.
- ✓ Demonstrate how the intervention would impact their business and the additionality it would provide by being included for participation.

## 14 companies supported

Our improvement activities under the OWGP's SiG programme have enabled us to provide our customers with a cost reduction of 9% since engagements began. An excellent example of what can be achieved by the UK supply chain.

STEVE ADAMS  
Managing Director  
Hutchinson Engineering



Since November 2021 when we joined the programme, we have seen significant growth in the business. We have increased headcount and turnover through acquisitions as well as overall profitability of the business and have been incredibly successful over the last three years and we can thank the programme for playing quite a significant role in that growth.

INNES CAMERON  
Director  
Clarkson



### Get involved

Bring your ambitions to life and accelerate growth through SiG.

Submit an EOI today!

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# Innovation Funding Programme



**Innovation  
Funding  
Programme**

## Funding for cutting-edge solutions

Our Innovation Funding Programme is designed to accelerate the development and deployment of new products, services, and technologies within the offshore wind sector. Through a series of thematic funding competitions, this programme aims to address critical innovation challenges that can enhance the industry's growth.

Grants ranging from £25,000 to £200,000 are available to UK-based companies seeking to introduce innovative solutions that address specific industry needs. This funding programme is open to companies already established in the offshore wind supply chain and those looking to diversify into the sector. Grants cover up to 50% of the total project budget proposed and typically run for 12 to 18 months.

### Why Innovation Funding

Our Innovation Funding programme has been tailored to address specific challenges in the offshore wind sector that require breakthrough technologies and innovative approaches.

These projects bring new solutions to market that improve efficiency, reduce costs, and enhance the overall sustainability of offshore wind projects. Previous competitions have been championed by industry leaders such as Equinor, ScottishPower Renewables, and Ocean Winds.



Successful applicants must demonstrate near-to-market solutions with clear potential for growth and impact in the offshore wind market.

### Who can apply?

You are eligible to apply if your company meets any of the following criteria:

- ✓ Be a UK-registered company of any size
- ✓ Applicants cannot submit a funding application for a project that does not have a distinct scope that is unlikely to materialise without external funding support
- ✓ The Project scope cannot be described as "business as usual".
- ✓ Demonstrate existing capability in offshore wind or have a firm plan for working in offshore wind
- ✓ Provide monetary and/or in-kind contribution to the total project costs
- ✓ Explain how this project would not take place without OWGP support and why this funding is additional to business-as-usual activity.
- ✓ Have not received OWGP funding through a funding competition launched in the last 12 months.

## 27 companies supported

The OWGP grant helped us to strategically allocate resources towards the development of crucial functionalities, dedicated to serving our customers within the offshore wind industry.

GRZEGORZ MARECKI  
CEO & Co-founder  
Continuum Industries



The extensive support we've received through OWGP has been a key enabler in moving our product from a vision into the pilot phase. We are now in conversations with both offshore wind developers and software companies, exploring potential partnerships for next generation offshore wind farms.

JAMES THOMAS  
CEO, Jet Connectivity



### Get involved

Secure grant funding for your cutting-edge innovations...

Check your eligibility today!

<https://owgp.org.uk/programme/innovation-grants/>



# Development Funding Programme



Development  
Funding  
Programme

## Developing greater capability in offshore wind

Our Development Funding is designed to accelerate the growth of UK companies by co-investing in strategic projects that unlock significant advances in capacity, capability, and competitiveness.

Funding ranges from £50,000 to £500,000 to support projects that drive measurable improvements in areas such as job creation, intellectual property development, turnover, and export opportunities, all of which align directly with OWGP's strategic KPIs.

This programme is open to a wide range of proposals from businesses both within and outside the offshore wind sector, provided the projects align with industry priorities identified in the Supply Chain Capability Analysis and

the Industrial Growth Plan and demonstrate the potential for transformative growth. Beneficiaries must also demonstrate an ability to contribute cash or in-kind investment of at least 50% of the total project budget.

### Why Development Funding

Our Development Grants are designed to offer the financial backing businesses need to help them scale up their operations.

This programme ensures that funding is directed towards projects with the greatest potential to strengthen the UK's position in the global offshore wind market by aligning competition criteria with industry priorities.



Successful applicants receive tailored support over a period of 12 to 24 months, helping them achieve defined objectives with a clear timeline.

### Who can apply?

You are eligible to apply if your company meets any of the following criteria:

- ✓ Be a UK-registered company of any size
- ✓ Applicants cannot submit a funding application for a project that does not have a distinct scope that is unlikely to materialise without external funding support
- ✓ The Project scope cannot be described as "business as usual".
- ✓ Demonstrate existing capability in offshore wind or have a firm plan for working in offshore wind
- ✓ Provide monetary and/or in-kind contribution to the total project costs
- ✓ Explain how this project would not take place without OWGP support and why this funding is additional to business-as-usual activity.
- ✓ Have not received OWGP funding through a funding competition launched in the last 12 months.

## 34 companies supported

OWGP's grant funding has been critical in moving our business forward. It enabled us to commit to the project and get prototypes into the hands of the big utilities. We have been able to test our hypothesis while cushioning the risk. We're now winning contracts with large scale operators as a result.

GABY AMIEL  
Co-founder and CEO  
Sennen



The funding from OWGP has helped us take the next vital step in our development – ensuring we stay relevant and viable in a fiercely competitive, rapidly changing sector.

KARL CROCKARD  
Managing Director  
CASC Limited



### Get involved

Develop greater capacity and capability...

Check your eligibility today!

<https://owgp.org.uk/programme/development-grants/>

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# Manufacturing Facility Support



## Funding manufacturing facility pre-investment activities

Our Manufacturing Facility Support Programme (MFSP) provides financial support to UK businesses seeking to build new or expand existing manufacturing facilities.

The MFSP offers grants of £150,000 to £500,000 to:

- Fund early-stage development activities to support project viability.
- Deliver bankable projects ready for capital investment.
- Align with industry strategies for sustainable supply chain growth.

Projects are expected to unlock substantial capital investment and growth within the UK supply chain. Successful projects should secure a minimum of £5m in capital investment within two years, create 20 new jobs and at least £5m in annual revenue by the five-year mark.

Proposals must align with key IGP priority areas should be based on a long-term business plan that covers investment plans, forecast market share, revenue, profitability, employment and exports.

### Why MFSP

OWGP introduced the MFSP in response to the offshore wind sector's urgent need for increased manufacturing capacity within the UK. MFSP provides UK businesses with the resources they need to secure capital investment, expand their operations, and play a central role in the future of offshore wind development.



## Who can apply?

You are eligible to apply if your company meets any of the following criteria:

- ✓ Be a UK-registered company of any size
- ✓ Applicants cannot submit a funding application for a project that does not have a distinct scope that is unlikely to materialise without external funding support
- ✓ The Project scope cannot be described as "business as usual".
- ✓ Demonstrate existing capability in offshore wind or have a firm plan for working in offshore wind
- ✓ Provide monetary and/or in-kind contribution to the total project costs
- ✓ Explain how this project would not take place without OWGP support and why this funding is additional to business-as-usual activity.
- ✓ Have not received OWGP funding through a funding competition launched in the last 12 months.
- ✓ Applicants must demonstrate that the proposed facility either already supplies the offshore wind market, or has a clear route into this market.
- ✓ Applicants must demonstrate how the Project will enable immediate FID after completion

## How to Apply



### Step 1

Check your eligibility:  
Review the full eligibility criteria to ensure your project aligns with MFSP requirements.

### Step 2

Write your application:  
Develop a strong proposal for outlining the specifics of your project.

### Step 3

Submit your application:  
Complete and submit your Stage 1 application via the OWGP website before the deadline. Should your application be successful you will be invited to submit a detailed Stage 2 application.



## Get involved

Unlock funding to boost pre-investment activities for your manufacturing facility.  
Check your eligibility today!

<https://owgp.org.uk/programme/mfsp/>

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## Future Vision

The offshore wind sector is entering a phase of rapid growth. With the UK Government's plan to quadruple offshore wind capacity by 2030, the pressure is on to establish a robust and globally competitive supply chain.

The Industrial Growth Plan (IGP) outlines a clear roadmap for sector growth through the identification of key priorities and interventions that will prove essential to strengthening the supply chain and ultimately shaping the future of offshore wind.

In December 2024, OWGP was appointed as the Delivery Body for the IGP by the Offshore Wind Industry Council (OWIC). The expansion of our remit under the IGP reflects our strategic role in leading the delivery of sector-wide priorities. OWGP has undergone a strategic transformation to take on this national leadership role, adapting our governance and scaling up programme delivery to meet the ambitions of the IGP.

As the IGP Delivery Body, OWGP will align our programmes with IGP priorities and developing new programmes that address the emerging needs of the industry.

We remain committed to delivering a strong, resilient, and globally competitive offshore wind supply chain that supports sustainable growth for the UK economy.

With the backing of OWIC and the collective strength of our partners, OWGP is prepared to navigate the unique challenges and opportunities present in the offshore wind sector.



**Delivering the  
Industrial Growth Plan**



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