

Power Up Your Community!

South Lakeland District Council's collective energy switching scheme

Fed up with high energy bills?

South Lakeland District Council is inviting residents to be part of a scheme that will give householders discounted energy costs.

Register for the scheme and you could money on your home energy bills, and help other residents who are in fuel poverty and struggle to pay energy bills.

Purchasing energy together is much cheaper

By grouping together with other residents, your purchase power is increased therefore discounts can be obtained by negotiating discounted rates with the energy companies.

How to be involved

Registration will be open for residents to sign up for the scheme from **1st August up to and including September 17th, 2012**. An auction will take place on September 18th, 2012. This auction will allow energy companies to bid for the custom of those registered. Residents will not need to do anything at this stage. From 25th September 2012 an offer with a price for energy supply, calculated based on the usage, will be sent to residents by email. Only then will residents need to decide whether to accept the winning supplier's offer or not. By switching energy suppliers' householders can often save a lot of money and what's more, switching has never been so easy thanks to the support and guidance of South Lakeland District Council.

Switching collectively is easy and safe

South Lakeland District Council negotiates on your behalf and ensures a safe and easy switch if you choose to accept the offer.

How does it work?

- Residents can sign up from 1st August to take part in the scheme.
- Sign up is with no obligation and SLDC will inform residents of the outcome of the auction.
- Residents will be asked to give their annual usage from their gas and / or electricity bills when registering.
- In the week after the auction residents will receive a personal offer by e-mail and then will have a few weeks to decide whether or not to accept the offer.

How do we get a good deal?

- The more people sign up, the greater our buying power.
- Energy suppliers compete to make the best offer in an auction.
- They decide their bid based on the number of people taking part.
- The supplier with the best tariffs wins the auction.

Can you register without a computer?

- Yes. You can register by telephone on 0845 050 4434 or by calling into South Lakeland District Council offices in Kendal, Windermere or Ulverston.
- Residents will need their energy bill details with them in order to be given a more accurate quote following the auction.
- Once registered and the auction has taken place SLDC will contact residents to inform them of their offer.

Can you register from outside South Lakeland?

Yes. Registrations will be accepted from anywhere inside or outside South Lakeland.

Further details can be found from 1st August at www.southlakeland.gov.uk ,by calling South Lakeland District Council's Contact Centre on 0845 050 4434 or calling into one of our offices at Kendal, Windermere or Ulverston.