

NEWS



*Samsø Energy Academy is launching a newsletter as part of the Samsø Renewable Energy Island Version 2.0
In the future the newsletter can be found as a pdf on the new homepage of Samsø Energy Academy*

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From renewable to fossilfree – Samsø continues the succes !

Samsø Energy Academy would like to share the development of the Fossil Free Island project and all the other activities on the island with the outside world.

In order to make the communication live up to the many new challenges, the Energy Academy is developing a new homepage that will be launched in autumn 2011.



Apart from that we will have the newsletter every third month giving a status on Samsø version 2.0 supplied with good energy stories from here and there.

We are hoping that you would like to continue receiving the newsletter and at the same time we encourage you to spread it out to new readers in your network.

Editorial

The background for the project is a wish from Samsø to continue the sustainable development of Samsø. As a motivation it is aimed to test the Energy Strategy 2050 of the Danish Government. The Government would like an economically responsible restructuring to the independency of fossil fuels. Samsø will seek to become independent of fossil fuel as early as 2030 through the 2.0 project thereby leading the way for the Danish energy strategy.

Samsø has been the Renewable Energy Island of Denmark since 1998. The experiences from this successful project give an optimistic approach to the process that will lead to independency of fossil fuel.

The Masterplan is taking form and once it is completed it will provide a plan for those activities leading to the desired result. The development of the project will be a dynamic process, where local craftsmen and citizens are engaged in the project along with experts and consultants from outside of the island. The main areas of the project include the introduction of



Climate and Energy minister Mrs. Lykke Friis “jumpstarts” Samsø as a fossil free island

Projects like “Samsø a fossil free island” will be playing an important role in the effort for Denmark as a leader nation in green growth. The Samsø project is as a matter of fact so interesting for the government that it is mentioned in the national “Energy strategy 2050” which leads the way to fossil independency and still it is fully financed.

flexible energy systems, fossil free transport as well as energy savings in the heating of houses and in electricity use. The energy comes from biomass, sun and wind.

Something we need to look at is how specialists and citizens are involved in the project. From our good experience with the earlier Renewable Energy Island project we are aware that some effort is needed to involve those living on Samsø. Education, joined ownership and involvement cannot be taken for granted which gives these issues high importance in the project.

Hopefully this brings green business development, new jobs and a more green planning for Samsø in general. Another aimed intention is to establish an international network of Energy Academies and partners. The last 10 year period has taught the people of Samsø that they have done well and that people from distant places in the World wish to share the experience gained by carrying out a sustainable development at Samsø.