

Employment and the Just Transition

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Introduction

- Peat has been an important part of the Midlands economy for some time.
- But continued peat production/use will entail substantial fiscal and environmental costs.
- The idea of the Just Transition is that the shift from peat should be done fairly.
- These workers, their families and their communities need other options.....

Making a Living

- Can we replace the jobs that must be phased out?
- Yes! The scope for new jobs can replace existing jobs and add new ones. BnM has a role here.
- This should be a solution for the Midlands.
- Within this report, we point to a number of sectors where this can occur.

New Employment Examples

- Retrofit of the existing building stock
- Renewable generation
- Knock on effects through demand: retail etc.
- A great deal of the employment could be centred in the Midlands itself.

Employment Potential

Employment Effects per €1 billion invested

Note: *indicates jobs generated from outlay of 1 billion US dollars

Sector	Jobs Generated	Sources
Solar	18,853	Heintz et al. (2009a,b)
Wind	25,187	Heintz et al. (2009a,b)
Retrofits	26,872	Houser, Mohan, Heilmayr (2009) Heintz et al. (2009a,b)
Broadband	28,608	Atkinson et al (2009) Liebenau et al (2009) DeVol & Wong (2010)
Public Transport	21,800*	Weisbrot et al. (2014)

The Bigger Picture

- Alongside the sectors already mentioned, the green transition should incorporate public transport and infrastructure.
- There are benefits beyond the immediate employment offered (nothing to sniff at!)
- Virtuous circle of development in the offing: better transport links, potential for offshoots in business, training, agglomeration effects.



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