

Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere

Scotland's **First**

Additional Quotes



John Alexander, Project Director for Scottish Power Renewables said:

"The UNESCO Biosphere Reserve status will be a great asset for the region. As a responsible developer of renewable energy, having twice received the Queen's Award for Enterprise for Sustainable Development, Scottish Power Renewables fully supports the aims of the Biosphere Partnership. We hope the UNESCO designation will play an important part in the future development of the area and the realisation of community aspirations."

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James Brown, Cormack Brown Ltd. said:

"For centuries, pilgrims travelled through Galloway and Southern Ayrshire to Whithorn, the cradle of Christianity in Scotland. Now, after half a millennium, 21st century pilgrims are set to follow in their footsteps, treading lightly amid a landscape with a precious natural and cultural heritage. Its beauty will enrich their journey as much as the people who welcome and nurture them each day."

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Alison Steel, Local Community Councillor, Gatehouse of Fleet said:

“Living in the heart of Galloway we are delighted to be in Scotland’s first UNESCO Biosphere and are excited by the world-class status it gives our beautiful natural landscape. We also welcome the chance to promote and share our unique historical, cultural and artistic heritage.”

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Teresa Dougall, General Manager - Regions, Scottish Land and Estates said:

“UNESCO’s decision to grant Biosphere status should be celebrated in the area as recognition of the landscape, the environment and the hard work of the people within. We now need to work together to make the most of this unique opportunity”.

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Kenny Boag, Head of Operations South West, Scottish Environment Protection Agency said:

“SEPA welcomes the creation of Scotland’s first Biosphere, and supports this approach to recognising the value of our environment and engaging the local community in protecting and enhancing this unique area of Scotland for generations to come. We look forward to working with Biosphere partners to promote the importance of sustainable natural environments within Galloway and South Ayrshire, and the benefits this may bring to the local community and the local economy, as well as to Scotland.”

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