

Wind Energy in Ireland

- There are over 350 wind farms on the island of Ireland
- The first wind farm was built in Mayo in 1992
- Wind provided 37 per cent of our electricity in the first three months of 2019 (EirGrid, SEAI and IWEA data)
- Have you ever seen a wind turbine?





What is a fossil fuel?

- A long, long time ago (over 300 million years ago) lots of plants got turned into fuels
- Bushes and Ferns got turned into coal and gas
- Plants and sea creatures got turned into oil and gas

What do we call things that are very old and trapped in rocks underground?

FO___LS?

 Fossil fuels cannot be renewed or made again once they run out





What **Fossil Fuels** do you know?

- What fuel does your house need for heating?
- What fuel does your car need for driving?
- Is there an endless supply of fossil fuels?
- Do you think these fuels come from Ireland?
- What can we make energy from in Ireland?

Ireland's Energy resources

- This is a map showing wind speeds across Europe
- Lots of wind blows across Ireland – Why?
- · We have hydro
- We have peat
- · We have no coal in Ireland
- We have no nuclear in Ireland
- We have natural gas in Ireland

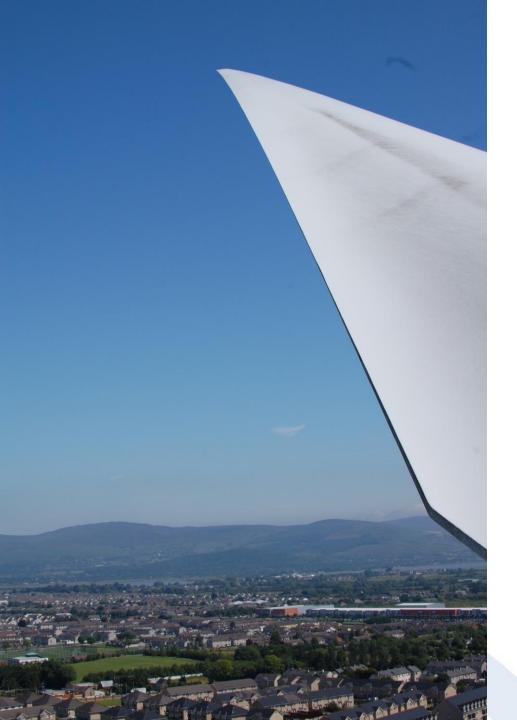
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>6m/s _____ 5-6 m/s _____ 4.5-5 m/s 3.5-4.5 m/s What kinds of energy do we have lots of in Ireland?





Why Wind Turbines?

- Does the wind blow all the time?
- What can we use when there is no wind?
 - Power stations?
 - Solar panels?
 - Energy Storage?
- Why do we use wind turbines then?
 - Do they need fuel?
 - Do they cut our emissions?
 - What do we have lots of in Ireland?





What do wind turbines do?

- Wind turbines make electricity
- Do they make electricity all the time? Is it always windy?
- But they do make electricity somewhere in Ireland most of the time
- Wind turbines are put in places with the highest winds
- Where do you find the windiest places?
- M_____
- Beside the S__
- In the S__

Wind turbines made 29% of <u>all</u> of Ireland's electricity in 2018

No fuel needed Energy made in Ireland









Some questions for you

Why do we need to move away from fossil fuels?

What Percentage (%) of electricity was made by wind in Ireland in 2018?

Where do we find the strongest winds?

Thank you for listening!