



New Microgen website coming soon

We are getting close to the release of the new Microgen web site now, with the projected release date being set at 3rd of November.

The new site is being tested by some users at the moment. This is a part of the development which is called 'user acceptance testing' (UAT), and involves users trying different things out, then telling us when things go wrong (quite a lot at the moment!)

The UAT testers get a sneak preview of the site, and it's possible that we may want a few more testers. If you are interested to test out the new site before it goes live, drop me **an email** and I'll put you on the reserve list. We don't want too many testers or we'd get several notifications for each fault on the site.



Futurebuild Conference

Sheffield played host to a new European conference over the last few days. The conference was called Futurebuild, and it's focus was on the sustainability of housing, renewable energy and community energy schemes.

ITM Power were displaying the new fuel cell powered **Hyundai ix35** outside the conference, one of only six of its kind in Europe. With a range of 600 kilometres and a fast refuelling time it looks set to be a complimentary technology to the electric vehicles which are coming on the market. Refuelling stations are a bit thin on the ground at the moment though.

The main exhibit at the conference was provided by Sheffield and Durham Universities. Their 'Uncertain Power' exhibit and talks explored the best ways to exploit our renewable energy resources in the context of the social, political and economic influences.

New and novel technologies for the test-bed

Most of you will know that we've got a test-bed here at the university (shown below and left), where we're testing different PV panels. A map of the test-bed can be found **here**.

There have been a lot of changes in the PV industry over the last four years since the project began, and quite a few technologies have gone by the wayside.

As a result we're looking to swap out some of the redundant panels for newer technologies which are coming on stream.

If you have seen any PV technology that has piqued your interest, **drop us a line** and we'll see if it would be a good addition to the test-bed.

