STUDENTS’ PLAN B, COULD BE THE ISLAND’S PLAN A

7.00pm Thursday 29th April at the Manx Museum, Douglas

A group of 30 students from the University of Exeter’s Camborne School of Mines are visiting the island in order to find out what Manx men and women think about renewable energy.

The group was due to fly to Corfu to undertake a similar project in Western Greece. The grounding of flights due to volcanic ash meant that this was impossible, and the group diverted to the Isle of Man, arriving by ferry. The group leader, Dr Dean Millar said: “Our flights were cancelled at 10pm on Sunday evening and we were due to travel to Corfu on Monday. Months of planning had to be scrapped, but since we arrived on Tuesday we have found everyone we have met very helpful and have been surprised at how far ahead the Isle of Man is on sustainable energy.”

As part of their brief, the students will be canvassing Manx men and women over the next 7 days, to find out what they think about renewable energy, but specifically:

- Sustainable Transport Solutions
- Biomass and Energy Crops
- Wind Power (both onshore and offshore)
- Energy from Waste

You will be able to spot the students in Douglas High Street on Saturday, in Peel on Monday and Ramsey on Tuesday between 11 and 1pm. Student spokesman Amanda Pound said:
“Please feel free to pop down and have a chat. We would love to meet you and find out what you think. This could be a wonderful opportunity for you to voice your opinion about the Island’s renewable energy prospects.”

The results of the study will be presented at 7.00pm Thursday 29th April at the Manx Museum, Douglas. Everyone is welcome and we would love to see you there."