



Sector Table Workshop: Report to Participants February 2017

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY



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SUSTAINABLE ENERGY SECTOR TABLE



Key issues

engaging students and young workers;
raising awareness about business and
career opportunities in the sector;
promoting local success stories;
education about regulation, policy and
strategy; community engagement

Opportunities to explore

strengthen relationships with Acadia
University and NSCC; pursue business
innovation and productivity
improvements that will create
opportunities for skilled employment

Strong points

Acadia University and NSCC programs
and research capacity; youth are
interested in the sector; energy
efficiency programs and supply chain;
local expertise; engaged community

Weak points & threats

regulations inhibiting growth; need for a
unified voice for advocacy; improved
consultation with First Nations; changing
government priorities & policies; lack of
public awareness

Proposed actions in 2017

Through partnerships, connect students
and young entrepreneurs with
researchers to stimulate innovation,
entrepreneurship and applied research in
a local context.

Promote local success stories.

Develop a connector program with
researchers and local businesses across
sectors (e.g., energy, ICT, manufacturing,
and agriculture).

THE SECTOR TABLE WORKSHOP

On Dec. 7, the Valley REN hosted a
workshop in Kentville with more than
60 people from five key sectors in the
Annapolis Valley: agriculture, tourism,
information and communications
technologies (ICT), manufacturing,
and sustainable energy.

Our facilitator, Common Good
Solutions, led the five "sector tables"
in a SWOT analysis.

Key points from the **Sustainable
Energy Sector Table** are noted here,
with suggestions for how the Valley
REN can help the business
community grow these sectors.

Read the full report [here](#).

Read highlights from [all sector tables](#).

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