

## Mitsubishi Electric opens state-of-the-art heat pump training centre in Livingston

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Mitsubishi Electric has opened a new training centre at its factory complex in Livingston, Scotland, in answer to the UK's growing demand for heat pumps. The new centre is poised to revolutionise the training landscape for professionals in renewable heating.

The centre was officially opened on 15 May with key government and industry figures attending. This included: Graeme Day MSP, Minister for Higher and Further Education, and Tadashi Fujiwara, the Consul General of Japan in Edinburgh.

With the UK government aiming for 600,000 residential heat pump installations per year by 2028, there is a growing demand for skilled and accredited heat pump installers. Legislation, including funding, by Scottish Government and demand from homeowners and businesses to replace fossil fuel boilers with more sustainable forms of heating, such as heat pumps, is helping to drive growth for more installers.

Over 1,000 people per year can be trained as accredited heat pump installers at the new Livingston Training Centre. As well as hands-on training, Mitsubishi Electric has developed Virtual Reality (VR) training opportunities giving installers a new and innovative way to learn and understand the workings of heat pumps.

From the Livingston Training Centre, Mitsubishi Electric is also able to support local colleges and schools in training in renewable heating.

To mark the opening of the Livingston Training Centre, Mitsubishi Electric is offering free training at the centre over the next three months<sup>1</sup> for installers who wish to complete their Part 1, 2 and 3 training in the [design and install of Ecodan heat pumps](#)<sup>2</sup>, or who would like to attend a practical, hands-on workshop at the Livingston centre, for all Scottish registered installation companies.

Russell Dean, Mitsubishi Electric Residential Product Group Director said: "Heat pumps have become the

de facto renewable heating and hot water system for homes. As such, there is an urgent need for trained and accredited heat pump installers. Offering hands-on training, including using pioneering VR technology, and based at the Livingston factory complex, the largest manufacturer of heat pumps in the UK, trainees can be fully immersed in the world of heat pumps. They will leave here having developed their skills and advanced their career opportunities to install heat pumps.

“The Livingston Training Centre reaffirms Mitsubishi Electric’s commitment to investing in decarbonised heating and in developing a local workforce to bring about a greener sustainable future.”

Further Education Minister Graeme Dey said: “Clean heat and energy efficiency will be vital in meeting our ambitions to achieve net zero both in Scotland and across the world. As part of this, it is important that the Government continues to work collectively with industry, public and private sectors to help scale up the workforce needed to install heat pumps and other clean heating technologies.

“I have been delighted to see the innovative ways in which Mitsubishi Electric is training up the next generation to ensure they are prepared to tackle the challenges of both the present and the future.”

The Livingston Training Centre joins the company’s two other centres in Manchester and Hatfield.

1. The free training is available from 15 May to 15 August for installers with a company registered in Scotland.
2. For more information about training with Mitsubishi Electric click [here](#).