



## Community Energy England and Community Energy Wales proudly present 2016 Community Energy Champion, Alistair Macpherson

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Plymouth Energy Community is a highly successful community energy organisation with 1200 members, over 300 investors, 33 community owned solar installations and a variety of well-established grass-roots services helping the most vulnerable in society. It's work is admired nationally and has brought £6,500,000 of inward investment to Plymouth to address fuel poverty, energy efficiency and local clean energy supply. There is no doubt that this success is in part due to the passion of its members and the community, in part due to the support of Plymouth City Council and in part due to the hard work and dedication of the non-executive Board of Directors and staff team. The latter is led by Alistair Macpherson.

Alistair, as CEO, is the backbone of the organisation. He is the core negotiator on many of the partnerships and projects established by PEC. A shrewd strategic thinker, he is constantly juggling funding, seeking new opportunities and collaborations. Surrounded by a team of equally passionate and likeminded people, he encourages their innovation with respect and support. His laidback, friendly and open manner ensures trust from those he meets. He oozes enthusiasm and passion for the community energy movement,

recognises the need to work together to grow it and is not afraid to step outside the box to help drive an energy revolution.

Alistair Macpherson said of his award "I am honoured and humbled to receive this award. I am hugely indebted to all the great people in the PEC team for their hard work and commitment; and to Plymouth City Council who have backed us from the beginning, and continue to do so."



*Community Energy Champion Award for Alistair Macpherson being picked up in absentia by Councillor Michael Leaves and Jenny Coles of PEC with Jon Halle 2015 Champion and award sponsor Paul Munday Commercial Contracts Manager Scottish and Southern Energy*

The collaboration between Plymouth City Council and PEC has attracted in excess of £6,500,000 inward investment to the city to tackle fuel poverty and carbon emissions. Over 11,000 households have benefitted from PEC's services supporting residents to access grants to clear energy debt, improve health by improving homes, free and assisted insulation and heating, energy advice, energy awareness training for volunteers and frontline staff, energy-focused apprenticeships, tariff switching and a new programme assisting disabled residents to stay warm and well. 33 solar installations have been community funded, generating enough clean energy to meet the needs of 1500 homes and saving schools and organisations £90,000 per year.

To find out how PEC can help you with your energy needs, how to become a member or to buy community shares from £50, visit [www.plymouthenergycommunity.com](http://www.plymouthenergycommunity.com).

Community Energy England and Community Energy Wales teamed up to deliver the Community Energy Awards 2016 to honour the organisations and individuals that have done the most to advance the sector over the last year and to celebrate their achievements. The ceremony took place on 3rd September in Oxford following the [Powering Forward – rebooting the UKs community energy sector Community Energy Conference 2016](#).

### **About Community Energy England**

Community Energy England (CEE) was established in May 2014 to provide a voice for the community energy sector primarily in England. Membership totals over 200 organisations. The majority of the member organisations are from the community energy sector but the membership extends across a wide range of organisations which works with and supports the community energy sector. Further details can be found on the CEE website at [www.communityenergyengland.org](http://www.communityenergyengland.org)

### **About Community Energy Wales**

Community Energy Wales (CEW) wants to put sustainable energy schemes at the heart of communities in Wales. Communities can become stronger, more resilient, and self-reliant by generating their own energy, using it efficiently, and directing the net income to regenerate their communities. CEW help to bring about this change by inspiring, empowering, and influencing people, policies and practices across Wales. They bring together a network of practitioners who work with and within the communities of Wales to develop renewable energy generation and energy efficiency schemes. Further details can be found on the CEW website at [www.communityenergywales.org.uk](http://www.communityenergywales.org.uk)

## **About Scottish and Southern Energy**

We are immensely grateful for SSE generously sponsoring this award. SSE believes that community energy has an increasingly important role in the UK's future energy system alongside large energy projects. Community level energy brings a deep connection between consumption - an important aspect when seeking to increase awareness of climate change mitigation. SSE is committed to supporting communities in their aspirations.

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