This award is designed to recognise an innovation project that is adapting rapidly and successfully to doing things differently in the rapidly changing energy context.
The nominee must demonstrate some or all of the following:

- How their project has challenged how things have been done before and brought new ideas to the sector
- How their project has advanced their organisation and/or the wider sector
- Evidence of working with multiple stakeholders and/or partners
- Use of new technology and/or integration with other technologies
- Engagement with heat, flexibility and/or demand management/response
- Evidence of shared learning or a creative approach to problem solving and overcoming barriers
- Any relevant output metrics including revenue generated from delivery of projects
This rewards one exceptional individual or team, in England, that has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the community energy sector.
CRITERIA

The nominee must demonstrate some or all of the following:

- A clear nomination statement outlining what sets them apart within their field
- The nature, scale and scope of the work carried out, and the impact their work has had within the local community
- Personal commitment from individual/ team members
- Ability to inspire and motivate others
- Ability to develop and grow an idea
- Ambition, determination and delivery
- Community benefit/ impact of what they have achieved.
This award recognises one community energy organisation that has demonstrated a sustained commitment to organisational development and organisational effectiveness within their own operating model.
The nominee must demonstrate some or all of the following:

- Clearly defined strategy to support organisational development/ level of ambition and delivery
- Sustainable operating model that evidences growth and innovation
- Projects/ activities that support the advancement of the wider community energy sector
- Partnership working with other organisations and/or collaborative working
- Achievement of expected outcomes
- Rapid development/scaling up at any stage of organisational maturity
- Support for other organisations and dissemination of learning/good practice
This will be awarded to a community energy organisation with a long-term community engagement commitment that is inclusive, measurable, relevant and sustainable.
The nominee must demonstrate some or all of the following:

- Engagement with the wider community to focus on under-represented groups within your local communities to engage with community energy.
- Leading projects or initiatives that lead to greater access and participation in community energy.
- Evidence of excellent stakeholder engagement and the ability, or potential, to influence public policy.
- Innovative ideas for wider engagement
- Education initiatives with schools or wider local community
This will be awarded to community organisation which has achieved the most innovation and impact through a range of financial instruments/mechanisms and/or new funding models.
The nominee must demonstrate some or all of the following:

- New ideas for funding the sector and making projects viable, or an innovative combination of existing mechanisms/sources
- Evidence to support their nomination and demonstrate how they achieved an outcome that previously not possible for their organisation and/or sector
- Significant scale of fundraising unusual or unprecedented in the sector
The Fuel Poverty Action award is to recognise an organisation that is actively engaged in addressing the issue of Fuel Poverty and/or Energy Efficiency in England.
The nominee must demonstrate some or all of the following:

- Work that includes upskilling their organisation to increase capacity and delivery of fuel poverty and/or energy efficiency support services
- Organisation is sharing their learning/ methodologies to scale up delivery to fuel poverty award
- The improvements their work has made to the lives of people suffering from fuel poverty
- Evidence of reaching large numbers of people
- Evidence of offering a comprehensive service
- The nature, scale and scope of the work carried out
- The community benefit/ impact their work
This award is for the most commendable collaboration between a community energy organisation and local authority partners.
The nominee must demonstrate some or all of the following:

- Funds, PPAs, sites, practical support, partnerships etc
- LAEPs or other planning directly engaging with a community energy organisation
- Significant level of local authority support or combination of mechanisms
- Innovation and impact of collaboration
- Dissemination activities and sharing good practice/success templates
- Level of complexity or innovation (for instance there may have been difficult legal or structural issues to deal with or difficult procurement issues and procedures)
- The level of volunteer and community engagement
- How resources were shared
- Replicability and dissemination of learning
We are looking for images that captures the essence of community energy. The photograph must feature people; community energy relies on people coming together with a shared goal of helping the environment and the community.
This award will recognise one community energy organisation that has expanded rapidly, created new projects and/or services to its community. We will be championing one community energy organisation that has made notable progress driving the expansion of their work and achieved particularly significant growth in their projects and/or services in 2019-2022, thereby making an important contribution to growth and/or viability of the sector.
The nominee must demonstrate some or all of the following:

- Successful and scaled up replication of a proven business community energy business model
- Rapidly rolling out a new or innovative business model
- Partnership working with other organisations and/or collaborative working to achieve significant scale
- Rapidly increasing the number of people employed by your organisation
- Other relevant evidence that shows community benefit from the organisation’s expansion.
This award recognises a community energy project which has produced the most outstanding environmental improvement and/or social impact within their community.
Nominees must demonstrate some or all of the following:

- Educating or influencing the behaviour of members of the public on environmental topics
- How many people were impacted or have taken positive action
- Amount of energy and/or carbon saved
- Level of innovation
- Replicability of the scheme
This award recognises the outstanding work that one individual young person has done to make an impact on a community energy project, or celebrates what a community energy organisation is doing to engage young people in the sector.
The nominee must demonstrate some or all of the following:

**Nominee is an organisation**

- Their organisational commitment to engaging young people in sustainable energy and climate action
- Evidence of projects involving mentoring, training and/or apprenticeships - providing young people the opportunity for enrichment, education and/or engagement in community energy.
- Creativity, innovation and/or scale of efforts and achievement to encourage and facilitate young people to become involved in community energy.

**Nominee is an Individual**

- The nature, scale and scope of the work carried out, and the impact their work has had within the local community.
- Ability to inspire and motivate others
- Ability to develop and grow an idea
- Community benefit/impact of what they have achieved.
Celebrating the power of community energy.