



**Community Energy England and Community Energy Wales proudly present  
2016 Collaboration Award winner, Cyd Ynni**



Cyd Ynni (Energy Together) is a revolutionary community project with a creative new business model, in which, community households gain a direct benefit from their local hydro power projects – the first of its' kind in Wales that is challenging the conventional way we sell energy.

North Wales is a hot bed of activity for Community Energy, with a number of community energy organisations, which organised themselves to work collaboratively; driving community energy forward in this area. Built around, and following, the success of the National Trust and Ynni Anafon Hydro, they joined up with Antur Waunfawr, Ynni Padarn Peris and Ynni Ogwen. Initially aiming to develop as many schemes as possible - Ynni Padarn Peris were successful in pre-accrediting for the old FIT rates. Unfortunately, Ynni Ogwen were unsuccessful, which left the project in doubt. This group of practitioners were never going to let that stop them however, so following a Community Energy Wales supported event they were introduced to Energy Local. This relationship has blossomed and they are now delivering the first trial of the Energy Local model to sell energy produced locally to local consumers in Wales. In order to do this, they have worked collaboratively with Energy Local, local housing associations, SP Energy Networks, Co-op Energy as well as other partners including Local Authorities, DEG and Community Energy Wales. During this time, they also worked together to raise over £700,000 through a share offer with 90% coming from within 15 miles. This was also after the EIS support had been removed.

Participants form an 'Energy Club' and each participant has a smart meter to show when they are using power and how much: residents pay 7p/kwh when the hydro is operating – the hydro gets more income while participants get lower bills, a win-win situation. They are currently recruiting around 100 households to be a part of the first trial. Keith Jones, Director of Cyd Ynni, said it “was developed as a network to deliver multiple benefits to the community because we realised, as volunteers our capacity for opportunity was limited.”

[www.energylocal.co.uk/cydynni](http://www.energylocal.co.uk/cydynni)



*Collaboration award winners Cyd Ynni receiving award from former Community Energy England Chair Philip Wolfe*

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)