

#CEAWARDS2023



# Community Energy

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THE LOWRY, MANCHESTER

17 NOVEMBER 2023

# A WARM WELCOME

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It is with great joy that I welcome you to the Community Energy Awards 2023, sponsored by Electricity North West.

Community Energy has a vital role in our journey towards a just and net-zero future, and tonight we are celebrating the outstanding contributions that are propelling the community energy sector forward. As the voice of this dynamic sector, Community Energy England is dedicated to championing community energy and the need for people and communities to be placed at the heart of energy transformation.

Congratulations to the finalists and winners who are playing a pivotal role in driving the continued growth of our sector. The breadth of shortlisted submissions clearly demonstrate the resilience, innovation, and unwavering commitment of the sector and organisations that we work with.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to our excellent panel of judges who have had the difficult task of whittling down the shortlist and choosing our 2023 winners.

Thank you to our sponsor, Electricity North West, who have made this celebration possible, and to all of you here tonight, who have taken the time to celebrate with us. Together, with your steadfast dedication, our sector will not only endure but evolve and flourish.

We wish everyone an enjoyable evening and the very best of luck to all of our finalists.

**Emma Bridge**  
Chief Executive, Community Energy England



# *Programme*

18:00 - Guests Arrive

18:30 Opening Remarks: Emma Bridge, Community Energy England

18:40 Sponsor's Address: Helen Seagrave, Electricity North West

18:50 Keynote Address: Jonathan Atkinson, Carbon Co-op

**19:00 Awards Ceremony (Part I)**

19:30 Drinks Reception & Networking

20:00 Keynote Address: Kevin Frea, Founder of Climate Emergency UK

**20:15 Awards Ceremony (Part II)**

20:55 Awards Ceremony Close

*Networking and drinks until 22:00*

## *Judges*

**Grateful thanks to our independent judges who were responsible for choosing winners and finalists for each award category,**

Merlin Hyman, Regen  
Connie Duxbury, Croydon Community Energy  
Helen Seagrave, Electricity North West  
Syed Ahmed, Community Energy London  
Avi Aithal, Energy Networks Association  
Nicola Davidson, Community Energy South  
Kate Eldridge, Greater Manchester Community Renewables  
Whitni Thomas, Triodos Bank  
Amandine Tetot, Triodos Bank  
Emma Lower, Lendology  
Kayla Ente, BHESCo



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CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

CUMBRIA ACTION FOR SUSTAINABILITY (CAFS)

SPRINGBOK SUSTAINABLE WOOD HEAT CO-OPERATIVE

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PROGRESS IN EXPANSION

YORK COMMUNITY ENERGY (YCE)

ENERGY HEROES

EGNI CO-OP

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FUEL POVERTY ACTION

WILTSHIRE WILDLIFE COMMUNITY ENERGY

EXETER COMMUNITY ENERGY

CUMBRIA ACTION FOR SUSTAINABILITY



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COLLABORATION IN COMMUNITY ENERGY

BHESCO

THRIVE RENEWABLES

SUSTAINABLE HAYFIELD

COMMUNITY ENERGY TOGETHER

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COMMUNITY ENERGY ORGANISATION OF THE YEAR (L)  
SPONSORED BY TRIODOS BANK

CUMBRIA ACTION FOR SUSTAINABILITY

COMMUNITY ENERGY SOUTH

EGNI CO-OP



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INCLUSION

YORKSHIRE NORTH AND EAST METHODIST DISTRICT

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EXETER COMMUNITY ENERGY

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SECTOR SUPPORT

SPONSORED BY ELECTRICITY NORTH WEST

COMMUNITY ENERGY SOUTH

POWER TO CHANGE

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ADVANCING INNOVATION

TOLLESBURY CLIMATE PARTNERSHIP

REPOWERING COMMUNITIES

ROSSENDALE VALLEY ENERGY

COMMUNITY ENERGY LONDON



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SUPPORTIVE LOCAL AUTHORITY

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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COMMUNITY ENERGY ORGANISATION OF THE YEAR (S/M)

GRIMSBY COMMUNITY ENERGY

DERBYSHIRE DALES COMMUNITY ENERGY

COMMUNITY ENERGY LONDON (CEL)

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COMMUNITY ENERGY CHAMPION 2023

WINNER TO BE ANNOUNCED BY KATE GILMARTIN,  
COMMUNITY ENERGY CHAMPION 2022

