

Raising capital for positive change

The corporate finance team at Triodos Bank UK helps organisations working for positive social or environmental change to raise funds from investors. We have raised over £200m for impactful organisations of all sizes, including charities, social enterprises and environmental projects.

Empower Community Foundation

Triodos Bank UK has raised £4.35m for charity Empower Community Foundation through two separate bond offers on its crowdfunding platform.

Empower was created to accelerate the transition to sustainable low carbon local economies by seeking to ensure the financial benefits of renewable energy go back into local communities. Its two 5MW solar parks

generate enough electricity to power the equivalent of 2,600 homes a year combined.

The parks were originally brought into community ownership using bridging loans, most of which was refinanced by a secured long-term loan from Triodos Bank's Project Finance team.

The Corporate Finance team worked with Empower to refinance the expensive subordinated debt by issuing a bond on the bank's crowdfunding platform. The first tranche of £2.35m was raised in 2022 and the second £2m tranche in 2023.



“We have all seen the impact of high energy prices and the vulnerability of our energy system to global geopolitical events. A strong renewable energy system can provide an alternative to this. Our structure as a charity means we can reinvest in the local communities to build resilience through this energy transition.”

Alex Grayson, Trustee of Empower Community Foundation

“We continue to see strong interest from our investors for community energy projects, where both positive social and environmental impact is really clear to see. We were delighted that we were able to refinance expensive debt on more affordable terms for the charity, freeing up more money for investment in local energy resilience projects.”

Richard O'Brien, Senior Corporate Finance Manager at Triodos Bank UK

Triodos Bank has been making money work for positive change for over 40 years and it's at the core of everything we do. Our [crowdfunding platform](#) makes it easy for investors to find mission-led initiatives and we can also help raise capital from charitable trusts and foundations, social investment funds and mainstream investment funds.

We work with a diverse range of clients across a breadth of sectors and have been actively developing new business models with environmental organisations to catalyse investment in nature-based solutions.

What we offer

- Capital raising from £250k to £10m
- Unsecured debt / secured bond offers
- Share offers including EIS / SEIS eligible
- Access to a wide range of investors through our crowdfunding platform
- Advisory services including research, financial modelling and valuations
- Our lending team can discuss your borrowing needs

How we work

- We identify the right form of funding for your needs
- We design terms that work for you as well as for investors
- We identify the right investor audience for your organisation
- We project manage the capital raise from start to finish

Sustainable banking

For Triodos, sustainable banking means using money with conscious thought about its environmental, cultural and social impact, with the support of savers and investors who want to make a difference. It means meeting present day needs without compromising those of future generations.

Get in touch

We'd be delighted to discuss your needs and the options available to you.

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