

# COULD YOU BE A CEE BOARD MEMBER?

JOIN OUR BOARD AND BE AT THE  
HEART OF SUPPORTING THE  
GROWTH OF COMMUNITY  
ENERGY



Community  
Energy  
England

## About Community Energy England

Community Energy England (CEE) is a membership association for and created by the community energy sector. Our mission is to create the conditions within which community energy is able to thrive and scale.

We do this by:

- Supporting a pipeline of community energy organisations across England to grow in scale and impact;
- Advocating for a policy and regulatory environment that supports the growth of community energy;
- Facilitating opportunities across private, public and community sectors for new collaborations and investment.

We have a growing network of over 300 member organisations, including community energy enterprises and other supportive organisations from the private and public sectors, and we work with a wide range of other associations and networks.

We are a small, dynamic and collaborative team based across the country and we are governed by a board of nine individuals from member organisations and our chief executive. Please take a look at our annual reports (2023 due out shortly) and our website for more information on our work and impact.

### Our vision

A thriving community energy sector integrated into and truly powering a fair, zero-carbon energy system.

### Our mission

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Our Annual General Meeting, which will be held online at 1pm on 24 September, brings the opportunity for our members to put themselves forward to join our board. The CEE board guides our strategic direction, advises on our governance and finances, and helps us meet our impact as an organisation representing the community energy sector.



# ABOUT OUR BOARD MEMBER ROLE

This is a particularly exciting time for both the community energy movement and CEE as we work to ensure that the sector is able to make the most of the opportunities being presented by a change in government support along with a growing interest in the sector's key role in meeting net zero and increasing community resilience. Our board will be a vital part of making that happen.

We are seeking individuals to join our board who are willing to bring energy, enthusiasm and commitment to the role, and who will help to broaden our diversity of thinking.

This year, we are particularly looking for people who could contribute to at least one of the following areas:

- Working with or for local authorities
- Providing support to the sector e.g. as an intermediary, building skills and capacity, project development/pipeline, governance
- Fuel poverty
- Income generation / finance and funding strategy (for the sector or an organisation)
- Communications strategy
- Networking / public affairs.

We recognise that a diverse workforce is an asset and our aim is to drive inclusion into every area and activity of what we do. In our commitment to continue to diversify our staff, board and programmes, we are keen to hear from those who identify as: being from the global majority/UK minority; LGBTQIA+; women; living with a disability; having any other protected characteristic; or those that come from an underrepresented group.



# ABOUT OUR BOARD MEMBER ROLE

Non-executive directors are responsible for leading CEE in a manner that supports CEE's vision and mission. Duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Act within powers set out in CEE's articles of association
- Ensure the financial stability of CEE
- Scrutinise quarterly board papers and annual reports
- Monitor and evaluate the chief executive and executive team
- Represent CEE at events on occasion
- Contribute to and promote the success of CEE
- Exercise independent judgement, reasonable care, skill and diligence
- Communicate effectively and provide all information necessary for the Board to function properly and make informed decisions
- Use any specific skills, knowledge and experience to help the board reach sound decisions
- Avoid conflicts of interests.

Board meetings take place four times a year, alternating between meeting online and in-person. In addition, board members (directors) attend an annual strategy development. Directors are also expected to join one of the board committees which meet online between board meetings. These committees are Finance & Governance, and Impact.

Directors will be supported to develop in their role. Time requirements are likely to be 16 days p.a. for core activities, plus additional time for attendance at CEE events, AGM, etc.

Currently directors are appointed for three years, at which point they resign but can put themselves forward for re-election a further two times.

To ensure that CEE board membership is as accessible as possible, all directors are offered a £1,000 annual remuneration, subject to CEE's finances being sufficiently healthy. Any travel and reasonable expenses undertaken for work done on behalf of CEE are also covered.



# HOW TO APPLY

To arrange an informal chat about the role with our chief executive, Emma Bridge, or any of our board members before applying, please email [l.west@communityenergyengland.org](mailto:l.west@communityenergyengland.org).

Any member who wishes to stand as a director is asked to email [Lisa West](mailto:l.west@communityenergyengland.org) by 5pm on **Monday 2 September** with their name, photo, affiliation and in up to 250 words:

- Their aspirations for CEE and the board
- Their proposed contribution, paying particular attention to the skills and knowledge areas that we are seeking this year.

This application will then be put forward to be voted on by members at our AGM on 24 September.

## Contact us



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