



Community
Energy
England

Winter Conference Programme



Mon 17 November | Sheffield

WINTER CONFERENCE 2025

PROGRAMME & SPEAKER DETAILS

11:00
AM **Registration and refreshments**

11:30
AM **Morning Plenary (Main Hall)**

Opening Remarks from Emma Bridge, CEE

Anna Hamilton, DESNZ

Icebreaker

Introduction to Open Space

12:25
PM **Workshops (choose one to attend)**

Maximising income from your community energy project-
hosted by Younity (Main Hall)

The ABCs of funding your community energy project- hosted
by Ethex (Old Banqueting Hall)

1:15
PM **Networking Lunch**

Lunch will be a all-vegetarian hot fork buffet - grab a
plate and explore the Knowledge Fair in Hadfield Hall.



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2:00
PM

Community Energy Spotlights

Jonathan Hind, SY Ecofit

David Berry, Sheffield Renewables

2:30
PM

Open Space

Through open, self-organised discussion, we'll uncover the ambition, action and leadership needed to turn our shared vision into reality.

4:30
PM

Conference close

5:00
PM

Refreshments and Networking

Continue to network in our Knowledge Fair until 5:45pm

We will also be hosting a screening of the Power Station film at 5:30 PM.

*Please note: For those attending our awards ceremony in the evening, doors will re-open at **7:30pm**.*

WORKSHOPS

Please choose **one** of these two workshops to attend at 12:25pm.



How to maximise income from your project - led by Younity (Main Hall)

Come along to this session hosted by Younity and find the different ways of increasing the revenue from your community energy project.

The session is relevant for projects of all sizes and we'll discuss: PPAs and how to manage them, Corporate PPAs, Smart Export Guarantee.



The ABCs of funding your community energy project

Join Ethex for a practical workshop exploring the ABCs of funding your community energy project. Discover how you can combine grants, loans and community investment to power your project's success and learn how Ethex can help you raise patient, crowd-funded capital from your community, including everything you'll need to prepare for it and managing your investors following the raise.

EXHIBITORS AND SUPPORTERS



north east &
yorkshire
NET ZERO HUB



Pop along to see our exhibitors in our Knowledge Fair (open all day)

1. Northern Powergrid
2. Centre for Energy Equality
3. Empowered
4. Triodos Bank
5. Younity
6. Ethex
7. Wrigleys Solicitors
8. SY Ecofit
9. Sheffield Renewables
10. North East & Yorkshire Net Zero Hub
11. NookCRM
12. Ennovus Solutions

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Wrigleys Solicitors advises community energy clients on legal structures, governance, investment, contracts and property matters. We support community energy organisations on renewable energy projects including shared ownership arrangements. Our team combines legal expertise with sector insight, helping clients deliver purpose-driven, community-led energy initiatives.



Triodos Bank has been supporting community energy projects for 30 years being one of the country's leading lenders to the sector as well as raising bonds and shares through its crowdfunding platform. Richard works in Triodos' corporate finance team, helping clients to raise capital and providing investment readiness support. He has worked with a range of community energy organisations to raise community bonds. Come and say hi!



The Hub is part of a national network of Net Zero Hubs, established by government to support local areas with the development and delivery of local energy projects - including community energy. This includes funding from the Great British Energy Community Fund, training and one-one-one support and a Seeing is Believing programme, showcasing community energy to new local groups.

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Sheffield Renewables is run by volunteers and owned by members. We fund, develop, own and operate solar PV schemes (currently five) financed through Community Shares. Formed by a group of volunteers in late 2007 who all wanted to contribute to improving the environmental sustainability of Sheffield.



Northern Powergrid's Community Energy Team empowers local groups to save energy, cut carbon, and reduce costs. Through training, guidance, and engagement, we support community-led energy projects - from solar to efficiency upgrades - helping create greener, warmer, and more resilient communities across our region.



Ennovus Solutions is a specialist net zero consultancy delivering end-to-end renewable energy projects. We support many businesses, including SMEs, local councils, and community energy groups with expert design, planning, grid connection, and project management. From feasibility to installation, we deliver tailored, technically robust solutions that enable local, low-carbon generation and long-term impact.

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Centre for Energy Equality tackles fuel poverty and energy transition inequalities through data-driven, community-led innovation. Its flagship platform, Fairer Warmth, helps identify, engage, and support households most in need - empowering better retrofit decisions, energy support, improving outcomes for vulnerable residents, and enabling partners to target resources where they'll have greatest impact.



Ethex has raised over £80m for community energy initiatives nationwide. Meet our team at the conference to learn how we can help your project thrive through community investment and long-term, values-driven funding.



Yöunity is an award-winning joint venture between Octopus Energy and The Midcounties Co-operative, dedicated to supporting the development and growth of the community energy sector. We do this through bespoke PPAs, grant and loan funding, and our free volunteer matchmaking platform, Community Energy Connect.

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Empowered delivers solar and wind projects for some of the most experienced community energy organisations in the UK, including Bath & West Community Energy, and Bristol Energy Cooperative. We support on matters ranging from identifying projects at an early-stage, raising grant funding, and taking them through planning to delivery.



NookCRM is the client relationship and case management tool for community energy groups. Codesigned with energy advisors, it's built to make team collaboration and reporting to funders easy. Find out more at nookcrm.com.



SY Ecofit CIC is a social enterprise founded by local residents, on a mission to decarbonise and build community wealth in South Yorkshire. By delivering retrofit and clean energy projects, we help to improve the energy efficiency across homes and local communities, bringing South Yorkshire closer to net zero.