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# Community Energy

## AWARDS 2025

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CUTLERS'HALL, SHEFFIELD

17 NOVEMBER 2025





# A WARM WELCOME

It is with great joy that I welcome you to the Community Energy Awards 2025.

Community energy is at the heart of a fair, sustainable, and net zero future. Tonight, we celebrate the people, projects, and partnerships driving that transformation. As the national voice of our movement, **Community Energy England** is proud to champion those making clean, local energy a reality for communities across the country.

Congratulations to this year’s **28 finalists** and winners. Your work reflects the creativity, collaboration, and determination that define our sector. The breadth and quality of this year’s entries show just how powerful we can be when we work together.

A heartfelt thank you to our expert judges for their thoughtful deliberations, and to our generous sponsors - **Lendology** and **National Grid Electricity Distribution** - whose support makes this celebration possible. To everyone here tonight, thank you for being part of this growing network and for helping ensure that community energy continues to thrive, adapt, and lead the way.

Today, we’re proud to launch our new national campaign, ***Up the Energy*** - a call to action to amplify the power of people and communities in shaping our energy future.

We’re announcing this campaign at the Community Energy Awards, among the innovators, volunteers, and local leaders who show what community energy can achieve. If we could capture the passion, creativity, and teamwork in this room, this campaign would already be a success.

*Up the Energy* will focus on the social impact of community energy - how it cuts bills, creates jobs, supports vulnerable households, and builds resilience in the places that need it most. It will bring together government, councils, partners, and communities to show that the clean energy transition can be fair, affordable, and community-led.

Community energy is a proven success story - but we’ve only scratched the surface of its potential. With the right partnership and policy support, we can go further and faster, putting people at the heart of Britain’s clean energy future.

At Community Energy England, we remain committed to empowering communities, amplifying your voices, and creating the conditions for our sector to flourish. Together, we will continue to build a more resilient, inclusive, and sustainable energy future.

Enjoy this special evening - and the very best of luck to all our finalists.

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



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# TIMINGS AT A GLANCE

**7:30 PM**  
Guests Arrive

**8:00 PM**  
Opening Remarks from Community Energy England

**8:15 PM**  
Awards Ceremony Part I

**8:45 PM**  
Address from Kate Meakin, 2024 Community Energy Champion

**9:00 PM**  
Drinks & Canapes

**9:30 PM**  
Awards Ceremony Part II

**10:00 PM**  
Awards Ceremony Close

*Networking and drinks until 10:45 PM*

## JUDGES

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

Emma Bridge  
*Chair of the Panel*

Emma Lower, Lendology

David Witherspoon, NGED

Hayley Ash, SW Net Zero Hub

Robbie Evans, Regen

Connie Duxbury, Croydon Community Energy

Kate Meakin, Energise Sussex Coast

Louise Taylor, SP Energy Networks

Richard Lane, York Community Energy

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# AWARDS CEREMONY (PART I)

## FUEL POVERTY ACTION

SOUTH EAST LONDON COMMUNITY ENERGY

PLYMOUTH ENERGY COMMUNITY

CREW ENERGY

YORKSHIRE ENERGY DOCTOR CIC

ECOE ADVICE

## COLLABORATION IN COMMUNITY ENERGY *SPONSORED BY NGED*

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BIG SOLAR CO-OP'S WHITEBOROUGH PROJECT

CARBON CO-OP

STAFFORDSHIRE COMMUNITY ENERGY

COMMUNITY ENERGY PATHWAYS

## COMMUNITY ENERGY EXCELLENCE (SMALL/ MEDIUM)

GREENSAND COMMUNITY ENERGY

BIG SOLAR CO-OP

GREATER MANCHESTER COMMUNITY RENEWABLES (GMCR)

STAFFORDSHIRE COMMUNITY ENERGY

# AWARDS CEREMONY (PART II)

## SUPPORTIVE LOCAL AUTHORITY *SPONSORED BY LENDOLOGY*

THREE RIVERS DISTRICT COUNCIL

HACKNEY COUNCIL

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET COUNCIL

## SECTOR SUPPORT

ETHEX

OVO ENERGY

BRIGHT RENEWABLES

NORTHERN POWERGRID

## COMMUNITY ENERGY EXCELLENCE AWARD (LARGE)

SOUTH EAST LONDON COMMUNITY ENERGY

ENERGY LOCAL

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COMMUNITY ENERGY

BATH AND WEST COMMUNITY ENERGY

REPOWERING LONDON

## COMMUNITY ENERGY CHAMPION (INDIVIDUAL)

NO SHORTLIST



# Community energy starts at home

Lendology doesn't just finance energy projects – we help communities turn climate ambition into achievable action through responsible, transparent local lending designed around people.

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People  
before  
profit

Ethical  
lending

Climate  
impact,  
done fairly

Partnership  
powered



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Collaborate with us to make  
fair finance part of your  
community energy solution.



# Electricity Distribution



**National Grid Electricity Distribution brings energy to life for over 8 million homes and businesses across the South West of England, South Wales, the West Midlands and East Midlands.**

Our 7,200-strong team ensures the safe and reliable supply of electricity for an area of 55,500km<sup>2</sup> stretching from the Isles of Scilly to Cardiff to Lincolnshire.



## **Supporting the community energy sector through collaboration**

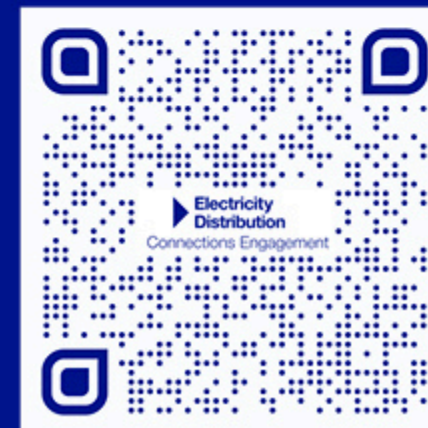
We recognise that our communities are key to being at the heart of a clean, fair and affordable energy future. It is our vision is to empower community energy organisations by listening to their challenges and ensuring that no one is left behind.

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**Our ambition is to support our Community Energy stakeholders through collaboration**

Scan the QR code  
To find out and register for our next events,  
you can also sign up to join our events  
network to receive direct invites.





# RENEWABLE ENERGY

Legal advisors to the  
renewable energy sector



Legal support we can provide:

## LEGAL STRUCTURES

- Choosing the correct legal structure
- Incorporation and registration
- Governance and regulation
- Partnerships
- Community ownership

## COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS

- Legal aspects of heads of terms
- Memorandum of understanding
- Supply agreements
- Asset leasing
- Joint venture agreements

## SOCIAL FINANCE

- Loan agreements
- Grant funding
- Community share and bond Issues
- Share offer documentation
- Financial promotions and regulation

## PROPERTY

- Legal aspects of heads of terms
- Option agreements Leases and licences Direct agreements Site due diligence
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Each project is bespoke and will present its own challenges and benefits. We would be happy to discuss how best we can assist or advise. Please contact:



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