



Community
Energy
England

Going Mainstream:

The next phase for community energy



CEE Summer Conference 2026

Programme

Thurs 18 June | Birmingham

Electricity Distribution



You're at the heart of the shift to cleaner energy.

Whether you're a commercial partner, public organisation, or community group looking to own and run your own energy project. We're working with communities across our regions.

We enable community and locally owned energy to scale faster, fairer and more successfully by removing network, capability and coordination barriers, recognising the central role communities play in a clean, fair and affordable energy future.

We provide guidance, support and advocacy, championing community energy every step of the way.



National Grid Electricity Distribution powers the Midlands, South West and South Wales. We deliver reliable electric power, respond to power cuts and connect you to our network.

Scan the QR code to find out more



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PROGRAMME & SPEAKER DETAILS

9:00
AM
Registration and refreshments

10:00
AM
Morning Plenary (The Canopy)

- Opening Remarks from Matt Vickers, CEE
 - Welcome from David Witherspoon, NGED
 - Barbara Hammond, Low Carbon Hub
 - Introduction to Open Space
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10:55
AM
Panel Discussion (The Canopy)

Going mainstream: Delivering community energy at scale

Matt Vickers, Chief Executive, CEE
Kate Ashworth, Head of Energy Infrastructure, WMCA
Fraser Stewart, Head of Local Energy Strategy, GB Energy

11:45
AM
Refreshments Break (Fazeley Studios)





Generate, match, and supply
local power while keeping
it in the community

Turn community energy into real, local value.



100Green Communities work alongside
community energy groups to turn ambition into
measurable outcomes:

- **Lower energy costs** for local homes & businesses
- **Greater return** from local energy generation
- **More value** retained within your community

Let's talk about your project!

Exploring a
new scheme
or idea?

Want to connect
generation with
local supply?

Keen to increase
community
benefit?

Come and speak to us at the conference or
find out more at [100greencommunities.com](https://www.100greencommunities.com)



Westmill Wind and Solar Farm



Rumbling Bridge Hydro Society



Energy4All's mission is to support the UK's transition to a low carbon energy system: **by giving communities the tools to take action themselves.** Members benefit from support and expertise in...

- ✓ **Community share offers**
- ✓ **Project development**
- ✓ **Financial administration**

35 Members across the UK!

Get in touch for our services brochure
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www.energy4all.co.uk



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12:15
PM

Workshops (choose one to attend)

Scaling shared ownership in community energy hosted by CEE and partners (The Canopy)

Community Power Club Launch - hosted by Younity (The Studio - Fazely)

1:00
PM

Networking Lunch (Fazeley Studios)

Lunch will be a all-vegetarian sandwich buffet - grab a plate and explore the Knowledge Fair in the Fazeley and Garden Room.

2:00
PM

Spotlight Speakers (The Canopy)

Beate Pesian, Community Energy Birmingham

Chris Greer. 100 Green

Graham Mitchell, Adalta Energy





Empowered

The renewables people who give you power

Whether you call it green, clean or fossil-free, we're here to support community energy groups in turning ambition into action.

There's never been a better time to develop locally owned renewable energy projects—creating long-term income, reducing energy costs, and delivering meaningful benefits for the communities you serve.

We work alongside community organisations at every stage, from early feasibility and funding strategy through to project delivery and commissioning. We understand the challenges you face—from securing grant funding and building local support, to navigating technical, legal and commercial complexity.

Our role is to help you bring viable projects forward with confidence—unlocking opportunities for community ownership, resilience, and lasting environmental and social impact.

Join us in being the difference
empoweredprojects.co.uk

With Community Energy



We Have The **POWER**

Founded by impact investors and members of Patriotic Millionaires UK, Tim Stumpff and Julia Davies, We Have The POWER is all about accelerating a clean energy future owned and benefitting communities. We help impact investors help communities to go further and faster in installing community owned renewable energy - with cost-effective, accessible loans to help your project get off the ground while you raise investment through your community share offers. From small to large community energy companies, we are proud to have helped community energy grow.

Find out more on our website

We Have The
POWER

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2:30
PM

Open Space (The canopy and various locations)

Through open, self-organised discussion, we'll uncover the changes needed to turn community energy mainstream.

4:30
PM

Conference Close (The Canopy)

Interactive feedback and closing remarks

5:00
PM

Summer Solstice Drinks Reception (Fazeley Studios)

Join us for an evening of relaxed networking as we celebrate the approach of the longest day of the year. Connect with fellow attendees, exchange ideas, and enjoy the vibrant atmosphere.

Networking will continue until 6:00pm.

A range of drinks will be available. Each attendee has received two complimentary drink tokens, which can be redeemed at the drinks reception.

Supporting community energy co-ops

to start up, build things,
keep working and scale
across the UK since 2011



We offer



A comprehensive, very cost-effective administration service used by over 45 existing community energy societies



Everything you need to do share offers - share offer document support, online application services and ongoing share registry management



A consultancy service with a wealth of experience and track record for feasibility studies, project planning and fresh thinking



Support for incubation of new Societies, from some of the UK's first solar co-ops to the Small Wind Co-op and the Big Solar Co-op.

We also deliver training

Currently recruiting for cohort 2 of the Community Solar Foundation Course

which we run in partnership with the Big Solar Co-op, Westmill Solar and the Energy Learning Network.

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Need to get up to speed on community solar? The 3 month e-learning course starts in September and we have both full and partial bursary places available.



Backing community energy. Helping make it count.



**You bring the ambition,
local knowledge and commitment.**

**We help turn it into clear plans, stronger foundations
and real community benefit.**

Clearer plans. Stronger foundations. More impact.

Practical support for community energy, from early ideas to investment readiness.

- Shaping clear plans and next steps
- Turning ambition into practical, deliverable plans
- Strengthening your board and team
- Improving your messaging, engagement and partnerships
- Getting ready for community shares and funding
- Understanding and explaining your impact

Need support with your next stage?

makeitcount.org.uk

Proud supporter of the Up the Energy campaign.

Make It Count is the trading name of Make It Count Consulting Ltd.



Our open space session invites participants to explore what it will truly take to make community energy mainstream.

Making community energy mainstream

Core question:

If community energy is to become mainstream, what needs to change - both around us and within us - and what will we do next to make that happen?

As the sector grows, so too must the ways we think, act, and collaborate. This is a moment for honest reflection and bold ideas:

- What needs to change in the wider system - policy, finance, networks, and markets?
- What needs to change within our own organisations, approaches, and assumptions?

Participants will shape the conversation by proposing discussion topics and sharing insights. The session will culminate in a collective commitment: each participant will be invited to make a clear pledge towards mainstreaming community energy.

You can submit your ideas in advance by completing this google form, or you can add to the ideas wall on the day.

[Submit your idea](#)



From community ambition to renewable power

**At Triodos Bank, we finance projects
that put energy into local hands.**

Berwickshire Community Renewables is
one example. With finance from Triodos,
the community group developed the UK's
first housing association-led wind farm.

triodos.co.uk



MaidEnergy

CLEAN ENERGY LOCALLY OWNED



Powering communities across Berkshire and Surrey

We're a community-benefit society, working to cut carbon, lower bills, and reinvest profits where we can make the greatest difference – in our local area.

Let's create a low carbon future, together...



BECOME A MEMBER

We'd love to welcome you to our community!
As a member, you can make a real impact and vote in how we run things.

**JUST £1
TO JOIN**



SOLAR ON YOUR SITE

We organise everything from funding and installation through to long-term maintenance. If you represent a school or community facility locally, let's chat.



VOLUNTEER WITH US

Whether you have an hour a month or a day a week, your skills can make a real difference.



Explore what we do
funded by National Lottery players
www.maidenergy.coop



WORKSHOPS

Please choose **one** of these two workshops to attend at 12:15pm.



Launch of Community Power Club Led by Younity (Fazeley Studios)

Join Younity for the launch of Community Power Club, an exciting new product that will allow community generators to earn more by supplying their members and communities through a Licence Exempt Supply arrangement.

Hear from the Younity team about how your community group can set up a Community Power Club and how homes and businesses in your area can benefit, as well as how Licence Exempt Supply works.



Scaling shared ownership in community energy Led by CEE and partners (The Canopy)

This workshop explores how shared ownership can move from a cornerstone of community energy to mainstream practice across the energy system.

Participants will discuss successes, barriers, and required changes, identifying practical steps to embed shared ownership as a standard approach to energy development.



74.8 MWh generated

13.25 tonnes CO₂ saved



in the first 6 months

...that's 3 million cups of tea!

Broadway Park & Britannia Reeves



Rooftop solar on warehouses at local removals firm



Providing energy to 140 park homes for 200 residents



Supported by the Community Energy Fund

“Having the fixed rate with ESD for 5 years is massive, considering the current economic situation”

~ Roly

“I love the solar panels, helping us with the cost of electricity. And anything that helps our planet is wonderful!”

~ Beryl

“Community energy at its best”

Find out more: esd.energy

The clue is in the name - Our Community Enterprise...



Nearly 15 years
experience helping
communities

We provide **consultancy support**, mentoring, and additional capacity for community energy organisations at all stages:

FORMATION: working with groups like **Power Hull, Surya Community Energy** and **Durham Energy Association Ltd** to identify legal structures that meet their mission

FEASIBILITY & DEVELOPMENT: consultancy support to deliver CEF projects, helping **Croydon Community Energy** with all the steps needed to fundraise for and install community owned solar on their first sites

MENTORING: supporting groups through community energy pathways, helping navigate through all the complexities of running community energy organisations

Specialism in Community Shares

Over **£4million raised** through share offers we have supported



The Community Shares Standard Mark is awarded to community share offers that meet national standards of good practice. It's a gold standard award that builds trust and confidence with investors.

All our clients have achieved the Community Shares Standard Mark with our support - reach out to discuss how we can help with your share offers.

Consultants with lived experience

OCE's support is firmly grounded in the realities of operating community organisations including:



Involved since 2011, and instrumental in the growth of installed renewable energy to 560kWp of solar PV and 60kW of GSHP, entirely financed through community shares.



Founder directors worked on a community share offer with SEIS tax relief, which raised £75k, enabling SaveEnergy to provide services to the public.

EXHIBITORS AND SUPPORTERS

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

1. Thrive Renewables
2. Wrigleys Solicitors
3. Empowered Projects
4. Ennovus
5. Pure Leapfrog
6. Community Energy Birmingham
7. Ethex
8. Repowering / shareenergy
9. Community Power Solutions
10. NookCRM
11. Naturesave
12. Pluggy Energy Solutions
13. Yunity
14. Bright Renewables
15. Centre for Energy Equality
16. 100Green Communities
17. NGED - Garden room

Turn the page for exhibitor profiles





The case management tool for community energy groups.

nookcrm.com

Home Finsbury Park Demo [Log out](#)

Search active cases

Case Overview 3 new this week

[View/Edit case journeys](#) [Add new client](#)

Energy Advice

Search Case owner: Anyone Added: All time Urgency: All Projects: All

Status: Open

List view Card view

Client name	Date added	Case owner	Current step	Projects	Last interaction	Urgency
Mina Barker	8th December 2025	Nadia Gorchakova	Assessment	Energy Redress	20th May 2026	Low
Amir Caldera	8th December 2025	Michael Rogers	Assessment	Energy Redress	28th May 2026	Medium
Craig Richards	16th November 2025	Richard Edwards	Implement Measures	Energy Redress	20th May 2026	Medium
Maryan Idow	16th November 2025	Outlandish Admin	Follow up / Referral	Energy Redress Warmer Homes	28th May 2026	High
Habibo Mahdi	16th November 2025	Michael Rogers	Follow up / Referral	Energy Redress	28th May 2026	Medium
Fidana Spasova	16th November 2025	Nadia Gorchakova	Follow up / Referral	Energy Redress	20th May 2026	Low
Hussain Muhammad	16th November 2025	Nadia Gorchakova	Feedback Survey	Energy Redress Warmer Homes	20th May 2026	High
Eve Van Moor	16th November 2025	Richard Edwards	Implement Measures	Warmer Homes	20th May 2026	Low
John Coltrane	8th September 2025	Richard Edwards	Assessment	Energy Redress Warmer Homes	20th May 2026	Low

Access Keys: ⓘ

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**Supporting retrofit from summer 2026.
Ask about the free pilot.**

Funded by the Energy Industry Voluntary Redress Scheme

Developed with our supporters and users:



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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.



National Grid Electricity Distribution (NGED) is an enabling partner for community energy, advocating on the sector's behalf to policymakers, providing technical expertise, strategic guidance and signposting to available support for community energy groups. By facilitating grid connections, offering dedicated Community Energy Connection Surgeries and community energy engagement programme, NGED empowers local groups to deliver sustainable energy projects and address regional fuel poverty.



Pure Leapfrog has helped communities create renewable energy projects, retrofit homes, and build a low-carbon future since 2005. We can support you to turn great ideas into real projects. Work with us to develop sustainability projects that have positive environmental and social impact. LEAP forward with us!



Supporting community energy groups and local councils

Powering local communities



We help communities and local authorities turn net zero ambitions into successful renewable energy projects.



SOLAR PV

Clean energy for buildings and communities



BATTERY STORAGE

Storing energy, strengthening local energy resilience



WIND ENERGY

Onshore wind projects for a sustainable future

WE OFFER



PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

From feasibility to delivery for solar, wind and BESS projects.



LOCAL AUTHORITY PARTNERSHIPS

Experienced collaboration with councils to align projects with local priorities and net zero goals.



COMMERCIAL EXPERTISE

Bringing private sector development experience to de-risk projects and achieve high delivery success.



COMMUNITY ENERGY SUPPORT

Support with funding, ownership, governance and partnerships to strengthen local projects.



TECHNOLOGIES WE DELIVER

- Solar PV
- Onshore Wind
- Battery Storage (BESS)
- Hybrid Projects



Proven experience. High delivery success.

We combine community energy values with commercial delivery expertise to turn ambition into successful, locally owned renewable energy projects.



162 MW
PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT

Building a cleaner, fairer energy future together.



Let's talk about your local energy opportunity

Book a free, no-obligation scoping call.



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Community Energy Birmingham is growing a network of local partners delivering practical energy-saving support, community workshops and new renewable-energy projects. Our focus is on empowering Birmingham residents, strengthening neighbourhood resilience and developing community-owned solar. We're building momentum and seeking collaborators to scale impact across the city.



Repowering London and Shareenergy have formed a partnership to develop a suite of open-source software to support the operation and administration of community energy groups. We are inviting input from across the sector in this development phase to create products that fit the needs of the sector.



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.

Your strategic renewable energy partner

Providing flexible support to community energy organisations across a range of technologies and project stages.



How can Ennovus Solutions support your next project?



Solar PV installation



Wind turbine installation



Feasibility studies



Grid planning and support



Decarbonisation strategy



Bankable generation modelling

Current projects

We're currently involved in some exciting projects combining a number of our services. Explore some of the ways we're supporting these projects below.

Council leisure centre

We worked with a council leisure centre on a solar feasibility study and found it was the perfect opportunity for a community energy project. With all parties in place, we are hoping to install later this year.

Stage and studio facilities

A complex wind turbine, battery, and microgrid project, which went from initial scoping, into feasibility work. With planning and grid applications completed we're expecting construction to start in October.

RadioWatts Energy

Working closely with Coalville Public Radio, we created a feasibility study for setting up a new community energy group, looking at how solar PV projects can support the community radio sector.

Want to discuss your next project?

ennovus.co.uk - 0116 234 6190

Got a site you're currently exploring?

Try our free solar benefits calculator!



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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 OurCoop (formerly The Midcounties Co-operative), with a mission to energise community energy across the UK. We deliver this through bespoke Power Purchase Agreements, financial support including £1.5m in bridging finance and grants, and our free volunteer matchmaking platform, Community Energy Connect.



Working to support the
community energy sector
for **over 15 years.**

Stronger communities. Sustainable futures.



We support
communities to
develop and deliver
community energy
projects that create
real impact.



BULLIONFIELD SOLAR
DUNDEE



2.6MW
CLEAN ENERGY



£3M
COMMUNITY SHARES RAISED



ENERGY PRICES ARE RISING

Communities can take
control and keep more
value local.



CLIMATE ACTION STARTS LOCALLY

Community energy
delivers cleaner,
fairer solutions.



SUPPORT AND RECOGNITION ARE GROWING

The momentum is
building – let's use it
to create lasting change.



Now is the time to act.

Together, we can power stronger
communities and a sustainable future.

Let's make it happen.



scene.community



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Empowered develops renewable energy projects for some of the most experienced community energy organisations in the UK. We support on matters ranging from identifying projects at an early-stage, raising grant funding, and taking them through planning to delivery. We are leaders in shared ownership, leveraging our experience to rapidly scale the community energy sector.



NookCRM is the 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.



Thrive Renewables is a renewable energy investment company with 30 years' experience working with developers, businesses and communities to finance, build and operate clean energy projects in the UK. Using flexible funding models, the company has invested over £21 million into six community-owned wind and solar projects and also enables communities to take a stake in larger, local renewable energy schemes through shared ownership.

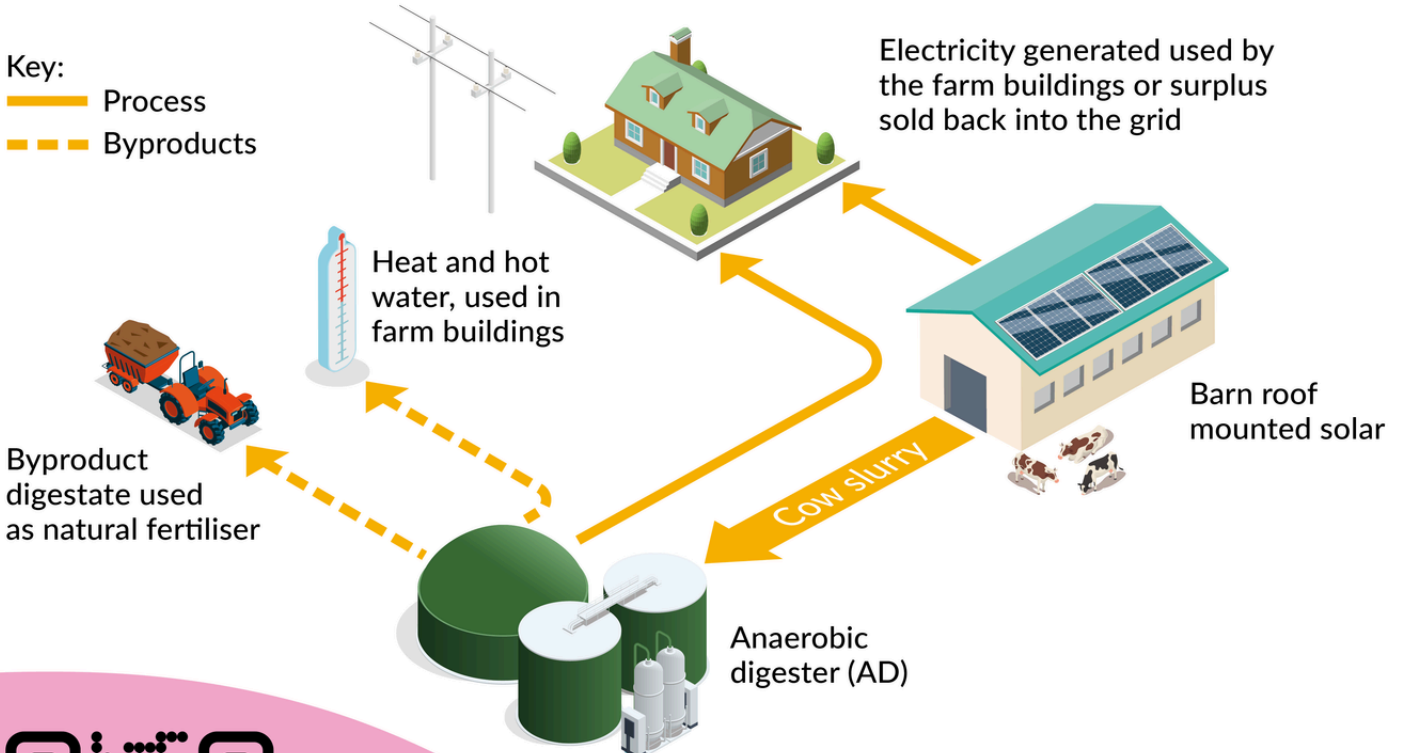


Sheffield Energy Works is a newly established Community Benefit Society, registered with the FCA 9655

From Saturday 20th June we're raising £600,000 to power the **Our Cow Molly** farm using cow muck & sunshine!

Following two years of project development with funding from the North East and Yorkshire Net Zero Hub, Sheffield Energy Works Community Benefit Society is delighted to announce our first Community Share Offer. Individuals and organisations will be able to invest from £5 to £60,000, expect an interest rate of 4%, and support the

decarbonisation of a well-loved Sheffield dairy farm & ice cream producer. We'll create a blueprint showcasing the impact local, community investment can have on local food production, whilst supporting the reduction of CO2e emissions by 5.6mn kg over the 25-year project lifetime.



Scan to invest with ethical investment platform Ethex.



For more information, visit www.sheffieldenergy.works

CAPITAL AT RISK
Any money you invest in community shares is fully at risk. You could lose some or all of your money. This share offer is exempt from, or outside the scope of, statutory financial promotion regulations. Investors have no recourse to the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) or the Financial

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Community Power Solutions are onshore wind specialists, working with communities, landowners, businesses, and public sector partners to develop collaborative energy projects. With experience across more than 40 successful wind energy developments, CPS provides feasibility studies, GIS analysis, stakeholder engagement, and development support focused on meaningful local ownership, long term community benefit, and delivering large scale community energy.



Naturesave Insurance is an award-winning Insurance Broker, with over 30 years' experience in providing ethical and sustainable personal and commercial insurance. Naturesave combines specialist expertise with a commitment to positive social and environmental impact, helping organisations manage risk while contributing to a greener, fairer future.



Pluggy Energy Solutions develops, installs and operates solar energy, battery storage and EV charging for community energy, businesses and the public sector. We act as a turnkey EPC contractor installing projects, provide O&M services and also support as a technical advisor on feasibility studies and other assessments.

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COMMUNITIES

100Green Communities enables towns and neighbourhoods to generate, share and benefit from their own renewable energy. By connecting local generators to homes and businesses, we help reduce bills, cut carbon emissions and keep investment within the community; supporting a practical, people-powered transition to cleaner, more resilient energy systems.



**Bright
Renewables**

Community Owned Asset Management

Bright Renewables the trading name of Community Owned Asset Management Limited, is the UK's leading provider for community-owned renewable energy assets, managing over 80MW across England and Wales. We deliver integrated services including contractor coordination, revenue oversight, accounting, stakeholder management and operations, supporting governance, financial resilience and long-term community value.



Making Energy Accessible for the Community



Community Energy Birmingham

share in our city's sustainable future

Sustainability with a Local Focus

We started by raising community investment to install solar panels on local buildings, and have since grown to support home energy retrofit - delivering workshops, advice, and guidance on insulation, heating upgrades, and funding access. By helping residents improve comfort, lower costs, and save energy, we tackle both environmental impact and social inequality.

Here's how we're making an impact:

Supporting our community-owned renewable energy sites, producing clean energy every day

Developing new projects with community energy partners such as Big Solar Co-op, Solar for Schools, and local partners

Representing community energy in the West Midlands Solar Taskforce

Raising awareness of energy loss in our "Seeing in Colour" workshops for thermal imaging

Our regular DIY home energy workshops demonstrate simple solutions to better insulate your homes.

We are the local group leader of AECB, the network for sustainable building

