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Room and Table	Convenor	Topic
<b>1 Canopy</b>	Brian Hopkins	<b>Spread the word:</b> local ambassadors
<b>2 Canopy</b>	Cindi Blunt, Let's Go Zero	<b>Schools:</b> Ensuring schools benefit from community energy and what can Government and Local Authorities do to facilitate this?
<b>3 Canopy</b>	Zach Wishart, Energy4All	<b>Batteries and added value:</b> Where can community energy groups add the most value in the battery-storage market, and how can they build financially sustainable projects around that role?
<b>4 Canopy</b>	Kevin Oubridge, Shropshire Climate Action	<b>Community buildings, batteries and flexibility:</b> Can community buildings such as village halls earn income and support the transition to a smarter energy system by providing battery storage and grid flexibility services?
<b>5 Canopy</b>	Neil Farrington, Celtic Sea Power	<b>Community ownership of offshore wind:</b> Can community energy scale up to meet investment costs for offshore wind? Can a collaborative regional approach work and what could this look like for the SW and South Wales?

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<b>1 Gatehouse</b>	Faith Terry-Doyle (CEE) and Johannes Moeller (Ashden)	<b>Energy Learning Network:</b> Co-create a UK-wide community energy training and learning offer with the ELN
<b>2 Gatehouse</b>	Beate Pesian, Community Energy Birmingham	<b>Lessons from projects involving community investment:</b> Sharing lessons from existing community energy projects – especially those involving community investment – by highlighting what approaches have been successful and what challenges or mistakes should be avoided.
<b>3 Gatehouse</b>	Ben Sharpe and Chris Butler, Ethex	<b>Industry Collaboration:</b> How different industry partners can collaborate – by sharing expertise and improving areas like procurement, technology choices, energy purchase agreements, and funding – to make community energy projects financially viable and easier to deliver.
<b>4 Gatehouse</b>	Alex Jones, Bath and West Community Energy	<b>Cyber Security:</b> Operations in Community Energy

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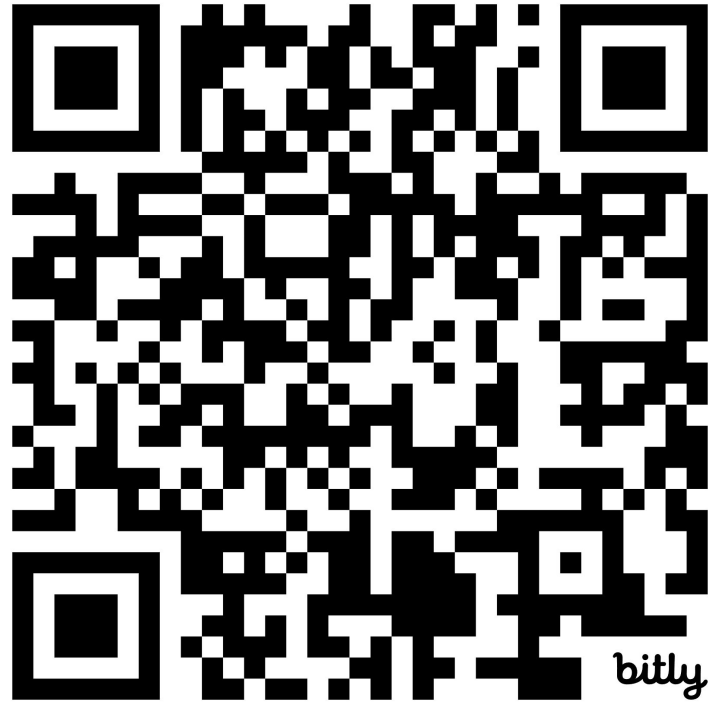
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5 Gatehouse	Kirsty Shanahan, Community Energy Pathways	<b>Councils:</b> How do we make community energy groups the obvious partners for Councils?
6 Gatehouse	Peter Eckley, Eckley Consulting	<b>Community batteries with time of use tariffs:</b> Viable models and hurdles
7 Gatehouse	Michael Hamilton, Salix Finance	<b>Getting the public on the side of clean, community energy:</b> how to promote the benefits of community and continuous clean energy.

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1 Al Fresco	Oliver Thomas, City of Wolverhampton council	<b>Urbanisation of Community Energy:</b> how do we address the technical and non-technical barriers for integrating smart distributed community energy systems into the urban environment where land is at a premium?
2 Al Fresco	Jon Halle, Big Solar Coop	<b>Second life solar:</b> Repurposing second hand solar panels: carbon, ethics, theory and practice
3 Al Fresco	Graham Mitchell, Adalta Energy	<b>Identifying who can benefit from the Grain LNG local energy opportunity:</b> How community energy projects could take part in local energy matching to increase revenues, secure long-term income streams, and support a scalable model for community energy growth.
4 Al Fresco	Lola Karpf, CPRE	<b>Large-scale “mega” solar farms:</b> Could they undermine public support for community energy and the net zero transition in rural areas, and how community energy can still be scaled up in a way that includes local people, builds trust, and ensures communities benefit rather than feel excluded.

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2 Canopy	Mike Blanch, Westmill Wind and WeSET	<b>Community Wind:</b> Should I consider a community led wind project?
3 Canopy	Matt Brown, Brighton Energy Co-op	<b>Batteries and Grid Services:</b> Can grid services work for CE groups and make batteries a financially viable option?
4 Canopy	Ahmad Aldaker, Scene Connect	<b>How to take community energy mainstream:</b> Knowledge and confidence gap is the biggest constraint to community energy groups succeeding
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1 Gatehouse	Martin Heath	<b>Local Area Energy Plans:</b> Getting community led LAEPs
2 Gatehouse	Nigel Lloyd, SEBrum (South-East Birmingham Energy Local Co-op)	<b>Changing the P441 regulation:</b> Ensuring large, complex sites (like thousands of rooftop solar installations) are not treated as fully “estimated” when just one small generation meter is faulty, because the current rule can unfairly trigger penalties even when only a tiny fraction of total generation data is affected.
3 Gatehouse	Ethex	<b>Community Energy Partners</b>
4 Gatehouse	Katrin Harding, Wokingham Energy Collective	<b>What’s the “right” scale for Community Energy groups/incorporated entities:</b> How do we balance the grassroots magic while supporting good governance, professionalism and efficiency?

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5 Gatehouse	Lizzie Stygall, SY Ecofit CIC, Sheffield Energy Works	<b>Virtual Power Plants:</b> Using a community ownership model
6 Gatehouse	Krishma Wong, Harborough Community Energy (HCE)	<b>From Niche to Normal:</b> Reframing Community Energy's Public Image
7 Gatehouse	Ewan Corley, Yonunity	<b>Youth engagement &amp; volunteer engagement</b>
1 Al Fresco	Cat Magill, Living Places / Iris Partridge, Resilience Network CIC (ResNet)	<b>Residential rooftop solar:</b> Is finding a way to expand community energy to the residential sector a key opportunity for scaling / mainstreaming? If yes, how?
2 Al Fresco	Nina Schuler, Centre for Energy Equality	<b>Engaging underserved communities:</b> What are examples of success and challenges in expanding community energy reach to underserved communities?
3 Al Fresco	Leo Thomson, Feasibly	<b>AI and tech:</b> Can they help community energy go mainstream?

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