Community Energy England

PLACE, PEOPLE AND PARTNERSHIPS:

INVESTING IN COMMUNITIES TO POWER CHANGE AT SPEED AND SCALE



CEE Winter Conference 2026

Programme

Tuesday 24 November | Liverpool

Community Energy

At SP Energy Networks, we're working in partnership with communities to help unlock local energy ambitions and support a cleaner, fairer and more resilient energy future.



Community Energy Journey/ Guidance & Support: Practical guidance, checklists, case studies and resources to support communities at different stages of developing a community energy project.

Connections: Helping community groups better understand the connections process, access the right information and engage with the appropriate teams.

Flexibility: Helping communities understand the opportunities for community assets to participate in flexibility services and support a smarter, more flexible electricity network.

Partnership & Innovation: Working with community energy organisations, local authorities and wider partners to explore place-based solutions, share learning and help shape the future energy system.

SP Energy Networks

Principal Partner of the Community Energy England Winter Conference 2026.

Explore our Community Energy Strategy, Journey, guidance and resources

Programme and speaker details

9:30 AM	**Registration, networking & refreshments (The Axis & The Flyover)**
10:15 AM	**Morning Plenary and Opening Keynote (Spaces One & Two)** • Opening Remarks from Matt Vickers, CEE • Dan McGrail, Great British Energy • Louise Taylor, SP Energy Networks • Andy King, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority • Jon Alexander, author of Citizens
11:30 AM	**Refreshments (The Axis, The Flyover & The Atrium)**
12:00 PM	**Spotlight Speakers (Spaces One & Two)** Paul Phare, Energy4All Ed Gommon, Zero Carbon Liverpool City Region
12:30 PM	**Networking Lunch (The Axis, The Flyover & The Atrium)** Lunch will be an all-vegetarian sandwich buffet - grab a plate and explore the Knowledge Fair in the Axis and Flyover rooms.
1:40 PM	**Community Energy Conversations (various spaces)**

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2:30 PM	**Keynote Speaker (Spaces One & Two)** Martin McCluskey MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Local Energy and Jobs), Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
3:00 PM	**Refreshments (The Axis, The Flyover & The Atrium)**
3:30 PM	**Community Energy Conversations (various spaces)**
4:30 PM	**Afternoon Plenary & Closing Keynote (Spaces One & Two)** Interactive feedback and closing remarks
5:00 PM	**Drinks Reception (The Axis & The Flyover)** Join us for an evening of relaxed networking and connect with fellow attendees, exchange ideas, and enjoy the vibrant atmosphere. Networking will continue until **6:00pm**.
6:00 PM	**Conference Close**

Community energy conversations

Our participatory sessions explore the partnerships needed for community energy to have the biggest impact.

Our guiding question

How do we unlock place-based energy transitions through people and partnerships?

The Community Energy Conversations bring together people with different experiences and perspectives. Together, we share what's working, learn from challenges and explore practical ideas.

Inspired by Open Space, each conversation is:

- Led by people closely connected to the topic, with a host to get things started
- Conversational and participatory, not a presentation or a workshop

It's a space to make connections, test ideas and find ways to work together. Nobody needs to have all the answers. The aim is to learn from one another and explore what we could do differently, together.

There are two rounds of conversations today, at 1:40pm and 3:30pm, with topics curated by CEE from the ideas you sent in. Scan the QR code for the full programme, including hosts and where each conversation takes place.

Up the Energy

Our national campaign to deliver community power, together.



Find our giant letters in The Axis!

Grab a letter, team up and spell out Up the Energy. Take a photo and share it with **#UpTheEnergy**.

Then join the campaign to deliver community power, together. Scan the QR code to find out more at **uptheenergy.co.uk**.

Bright Renewables

Community Owned Asset Management



OUR MISSION

To empower community energy organisations by providing the **technical expertise**, **expert governance** and **financial security** needed to thrive.

Operational & Technical Management:

O&M, EPC, Site Maintenance, Grid, Utilities

Finance & Accounting:

Reporting, Financial Planning, Corporate Finance, Investor Communications & Support.

Board Support & Governance:

Meeting Management, Note-taking, Administrative, HR Services, Compliance

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Renewable Asset Management Software

See performance. Know what needs attention.
BrightAMS brings your portfolio's generation, site activity and reporting into **one clear view**.

Renewable assets. Clearly managed.
From the site to the portfolio, BrightAMS connects your generation data, site issues and reporting, so you spend **less time chasing** and **more time acting**. Use it in-house, or with hands-on support from Bright Renewables.

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Bright Renewables provides **end-to-end oversight**, from initial development through to decommissioning. As your dedicated owner's representative, we **eliminate the friction** between project phases - coordinating delivery partners, managing complex interfaces, and resolving escalations to **protect your capital.**



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Projects

80MW+
Capacity under management

£1.1M
CBS funds distributed

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COMINGSOON

Own a share of Preston College's solar

Preston's community-owned solar project.

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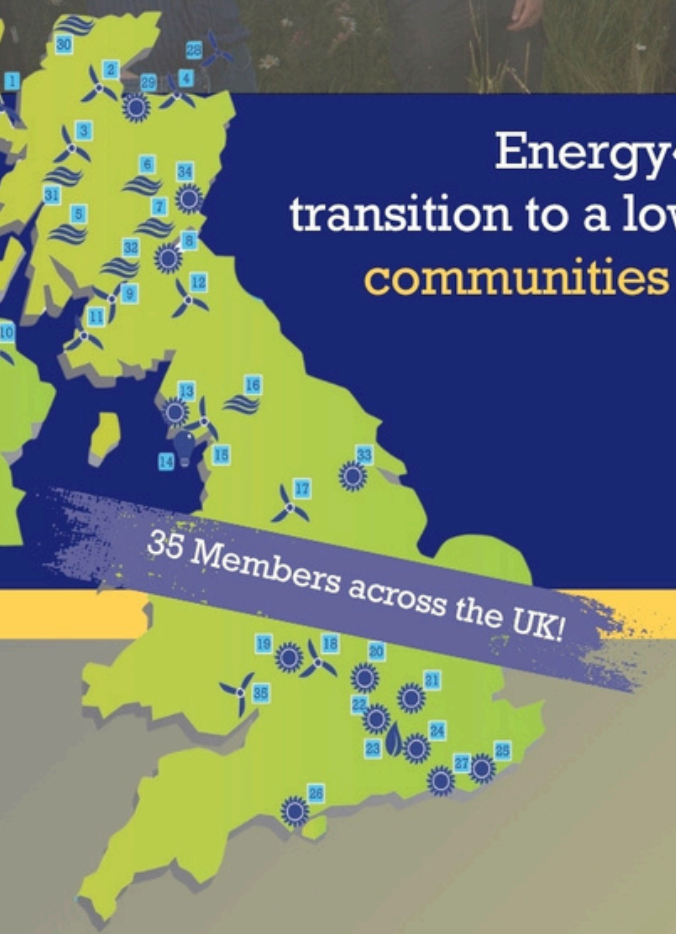
ENERGY 4ALL

The Co-operative of Renewable Energy Co-operatives



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.

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



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Thrive Renewables

By working together with communities, we help build projects that put people at the heart of the UK's energy transition.

Providing flexible funding and 30 years of expertise to help get your clean energy project built. So far we've invested over £21 million into community energy projects.



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SOLICITORS

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Legal advisors to the community renewable energy sector

Legal support we can provide:

LEGAL STRUCTURES

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

SOCIAL FINANCE

- Loan agreements and security
- Grant funding
- Community share and bond Issues
- Share and bond offer documents and instruments
- Financial promotions and regulation

COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS

- Heads of terms
- Memorandum of understanding
- Power purchase agreements
- Revenue sharing arrangements
- Joint venture agreements

PROPERTY

- Heads of terms
- Option agreements
- Leases and licences
- Direct agreements
- Site due diligence

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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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
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100 GREEN COMMUNITIES

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**



Berwickshire Community Renewables

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.

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Local Net Zero Hubs

Helping local people see and feel the benefit of community energy

Department for Energy Security & Net Zero

Great British ENERGY





Projects supported by the Hubs at YorSpace Co-operative in York and Power Hull.

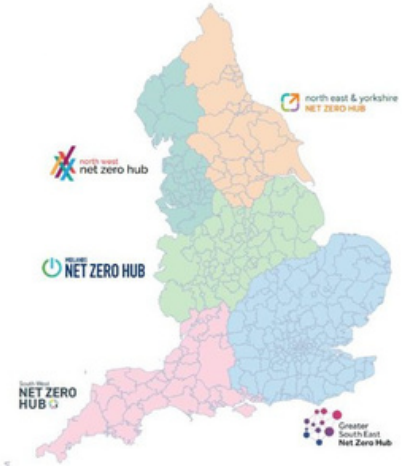
The Local Net Zero Hubs help develop locally owned community energy projects that local people can see and feel the benefit of.

The national network of five Hubs is directed and funded by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero and Great British Energy. Together they turn the clean energy ambitions of local areas and their communities into reality.

The Hubs offer free support to community energy organisations, including specialist consultancy and capacity building. Having managed several national community energy funding programmes, they now support delivery of the Great British Energy Community and Partnership Funds.

"Working with the North East and Yorkshire Net Zero Hub has been a game-changer. The Hub helped us tap into key funding opportunities like the Community Energy Fund, which made our projects possible. They've also supported us by connecting us with other organisations and helping us grow our work across the region."

A community energy organisation supported by the North East and Yorkshire Hub



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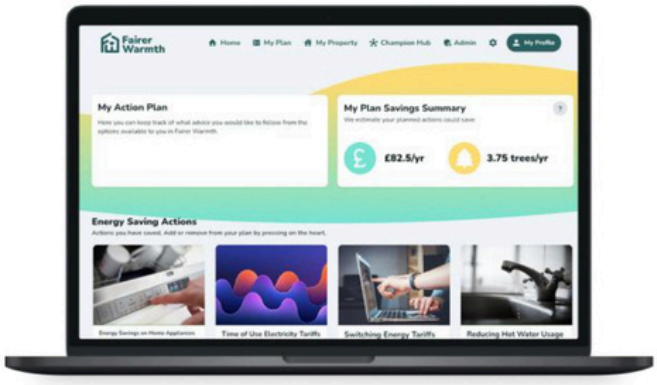
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Centre for Energy Equality

We are a social enterprise that designs, tests and scales innovative solutions to make clean energy affordable and sustainable for everyone. Our tools and programmes span planning and feasibility, engagement, through to delivery.

Our flagship platform, **Fairer Warmth**, helps to 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.

Fairer Warmth



We design and operate community-scale **Social Virtual Power Plants** (SVPPs), aggregating domestic and community battery systems to participate in grid flexibility markets, generate revenue, and return tangible financial benefits directly to participating households and the wider community.

Find out more about what we do and our range of tools and programmes by speaking to us at stand 6 at the conference, following us on LinkedIn or visiting our website.

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CEE Centre for Energy Equality

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.

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Try our free solar benefits calculator!

Exhibitors and supporters

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

1. Bright Renewables - The Flyover
2. 100Green Communities - The Flyover
3. Wrigleys Solicitors - The Flyover
4. Triodos Bank - The Flyover
5. Ennovus Solutions - The Flyover
6. Centre for Energy Equality - The Flyover
7. Thrive Renewables - The Flyover
8. Energy4All - The Flyover
9. Net Zero Hubs - The Axis
10. SP Energy Networks - The Axis
11. Empowered Projects - The Axis

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Exhibitors and supporters

SP Energy Networks own and operate the distribution networks that provide a safe and reliable electricity supply to over 12 million people across Central and Southern Scotland, North West England, and North and Mid Wales.

We support community energy ambitions, and unlock opportunities across connections, flexibility and innovation.

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.

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.

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Triodos Bank UK has a long track record of financing community energy projects, supporting community energy for over 30 years. Triodos offers expertise and funding to power renewable energy, sustainable infrastructure, and environmental technology projects, including solar, hydro, wind, energy storage, renewable heat, energy efficiency, and sustainable transport fields.

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.

Centre for Energy Equality is a social enterprise with a clear and urgent mission: to identify, test, develop, and deploy the solutions that will ensure equal access to safe, affordable, and sustainable energy across all communities. We work with a wide range of partners, combining data science, technology, and on-the-ground engagement to close the gap between energy policy and lived experience.

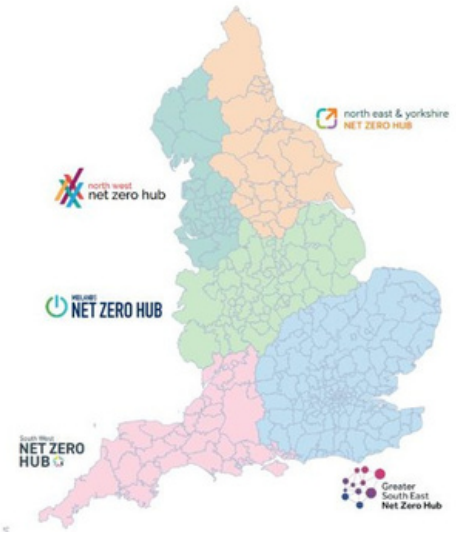
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Wrigleys Solicitors advises community energy clients on legal structures, governance, investment, contracts and property matters. We support community energy organisations on renewable energy projects including shared ownership arrangements. Our team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

Thrive Renewables is a renewable energy investment company that has been funding, building and operating clean energy projects across the UK for over 30 years. So far, it has built 48 renewable energy projects, including wind, solar and hydro, plus invested over £21 million into community energy. Thrive has committed to providing an opportunity for the local community to purchase a share of every new project it acquires.

Energy4All is a leading facilitator of community-owned renewable energy in the UK, and is uniquely owned by the societies it supports. Energy4All works collaboratively with community groups, landowners, local authorities and commercial project developers, and pioneered shared ownership in the UK. Members collectively generate more than 70,000 MWh each year.

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Bright Renewables

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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.