

COMMUNITY ENERGY UPDATE – JULY 2025

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COMMUNITY ENERGY FORTNIGHT IS A NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF PEOPLE-POWERED ENERGY – THIS YEAR'S EVENT RUNS FROM JULY 1ST UNTIL JULY 14TH AND FOCUSES ON HOW COMMUNITIES CAN UNLOCK INVESTMENT TO TAKE CONTROL OF THEIR ENERGY FUTURE. MORE DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE FROM [COMMUNITY ENERGY ENGLAND](#)

NORTH EAST AND YORKSHIRE NET ZERO HUB UPDATES	LINK
The Hub is looking for a provider to deliver a Carbon Literacy Training programme to a minimum of 60 people from Local Authorities, Private Energy Sectors, and Community Groups in the North East and Yorkshire. The tender is open until July 11th .	Tender Finder
We are commissioning a new programme building capacity in the local community energy sector and local authorities. This tender is open until July 4th	Pro-Contract
The Hub has produced a series of short films, explaining what community energy is, how we are working to support it across the North East and Yorkshire, and showcasing some of the amazing projects in our region. You can find them all on our YouTube page.	YouTube

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES	LINKS
<p>Funding of up to £140,000 is available to help parish and town councils, community organisations, faith groups, community interest companies and even sports teams get started on clean power projects that benefit their local areas following the launch of the Great British Energy Community Fund.</p> <p>The fund is managed locally by the North East and Yorkshire Net Zero Hub and is the first grant programme for community energy funded by Great British Energy, the publicly owned energy company</p> <p>Applications will be assessed on a first-come, first served basis until November 12th.</p>	NEYNZH
<p>Action with Communities in Rural England has announced grants of up to £75,000 to support improvements at community buildings.</p> <p>The scheme can fund substantive capital improvements to community buildings whether that be extensions or improving energy efficiency and contributing to Net Zero.</p>	ACRE
<p>The North East Combined Authority has launched a Carbon and Nature Marketplace to provide a platform for sellers of carbon offset schemes and natural capital projects in the North East region to promote their projects and reach potential investors or funders, aiming to increase investment in tree planting; peatland restoration; retrofit of social housing with carbon saving initiatives; community energy schemes; nature-based flood defences; marine habitat restoration and more.</p>	NZNEE

EVENTS	LINK
The Local Net Zero Hubs network is hosting a webinar exploring successful collaboration between local government and community energy groups - featuring case studies from local authorities. Thursday July 10th at 1pm.	NEYNZH
The Energy Learning Network is hosting two events to mark Community Energy Fortnight. The online events take place at 10am and 2pm on Tuesday July 8th. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raising finance with investors looking for values-driven community projects. Attracting investors and funders to your £150k+ community energy projects 	ELN
The Voluntary Organisations Network North East has launched its Going Green Together programme, which is aimed at supporting North East VCSE organisations wanting to become more environmentally sustainable. The programme will be launched at a series of events taking place online and across the region during July. Full details can be found on the link opposite.	VONNE
Yorkshire Energy Doctor CIC is running its free Community Energy Ambassador course again this October. The course helps those involved in community or voluntary work raise awareness of ways to save energy, support schemes, and how they can advise others to reduce costs and manage energy bills.	Yorkshire Energy Doctor CIC
York Community Energy 's Energy Drinks is an informal chat about all things energy and takes place at 7pm on July 10 th at Brew York, York. Booking is not required but the organisers would appreciate it if you let them know if you intend to attend on the link opposite.	YCE Energy Drinks

CONSULTATIONS AND REVIEWS	LINK
<p>The government is seeking views on proposals which would see community benefits become mandatory for low carbon energy infrastructure, and it become a requirement for developers to offer local communities the option of shared ownership of local projects.</p> <p>The requirements would come into effect in 2027 at the earliest and are separate from proposals in the Planning and Infrastructure Bill for cheaper energy bills for areas hosting new energy infrastructure.</p> <p>The consultation is open until July 16th.</p>	DESNZ

RESOURCES	LINK
<p>Our sister Hub in the Greater South East has recently published two pieces of community energy guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborating on Community Energy for Local Authorities Community Energy Governance. <p>The GSE Hub has also produced a podcast giving setting out the guidance which you can listen to here.</p>	GSENZH
Our sister Hub in the North West has produced guidance for community energy groups on Power Sharing Agreements.	NWNZH

<p>The Energy Learning Network has published a range of resources to aimed at supporting community energy including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A guide to evidencing the impact of community energy • The value of Community Energy <p>Recordings of past Energy Learning Network webinars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Introduction to Community Energy Governance • Community Carbon Auditing • Community Shared Ownership • Heat Networks • IFISAs and other tax benefits 	<p>ELN</p>
<p>End Energy Poverty CIC are one of the groups supported through our Community Energy Fund. Through the national fund – managed locally by the Hub - they secured nearly £40,000 to undertake a feasibility study aimed at making energy efficiency home improvements at over 170 properties, helping vulnerable people, especially women escaping domestic abuse, reduce their energy bills.</p> <p><i>They said: “Working with the North East 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. This partnership enables us to do more, reach more communities, and build stronger local networks focused on sustainable energy.”</i></p> <p>The group is keen to support more groups who want to take action on energy and is able to offer some pro-bono support to other community organisations with a range of expertise and in making funding applications. The group can be contacted on the link opposite.</p>	<p>End Energy Poverty CIC</p>
<p>Community Action Northumberland are recruiting Off-Grid Energy Advisers as part of their Powering People supporting households in Northumberland that are not connected to the electricity grid.</p> <p>This work will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting household energy audits and providing personalised advice • Supporting grid connections and renewable energy installations • Facilitating local and community energy solutions • Contributing to policy development and knowledge-sharing across the sector <p>The closing date for applications is Monday July 7th</p>	<p>CAN</p>