

## COMMUNITY ENERGY UPDATE – NOVEMBER 2024

NORTH EAST AND YORKSHIRE NET ZERO HUB UPDATES	LINK
<p>Our <b>Energy Project Enabling Fund</b> is open for applications until midnight on <b>December 8<sup>th</sup></b>. The fund offers eligible organisations <b>capital grants of between £30,000 and £245,000</b> eligible organisations allow them to deliver local energy projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All successful projects must be completed and funding drawn down by September 30<sup>th</sup> 2025.</li> <li>• Projects must have match funding of a minimum of 50% of the overall project value, with at least 20% of this coming from commercial investment.</li> <li>• Match funding and any necessary planning permissions must be in place by the application deadline.</li> </ul> <p>More information is available on the link opposite.</p>	<p><a href="#">NEYNZH</a></p>
<p>In February 2025 we're running a series of <b>free surgery sessions</b> giving local community energy groups tailored one-to-one advice from specialist consultants on a number of key themes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Net Zero Project Planning and Development</li> <li>• Low Carbon Technologies</li> <li>• Governance and Procurement for Community Energy Projects</li> <li>• Commercial Case Development</li> </ul> <p>More information is available on the link opposite.</p>	<p><a href="#">NEYNZH</a></p>
<p>The national Local Net Zero Hubs network is once again sponsoring the Association of Public Sector Excellence's national energy conference, which takes place in Birmingham next February. This year's event will feature a national award ceremony – including an award for community energy projects.</p>	<p><a href="#">APSE</a></p>
FUNDING AND OPPORTUNITIES	LINK
<p>Grants for £1000-£7000 available to community organisations to provide help to Hull residents to help manage their household expenditure on energy and cope with the cost of living. Organisations are encouraged to provide Warm Spaces and activities promoting affordable warmth.</p>	<p><a href="#">Hull Affordable Warmth Fund</a></p>
<p>Potentially free or cheaper insulation to reduce domestic energy bills in homes with an energy performance certificate (EPC) of D to G is available through the <a href="#">Great British Insulation Scheme</a>.</p>	<p><a href="#">Ofgem</a></p>
<p>Climate Action Middlesbrough offer free Carbon Footprinting and for any community group, community organisation or SME within the Middlesbrough area.</p>	<p><a href="#">Climate Action Middlesbrough</a></p>
<p>Future rounds of the Energy Redress Fund are likely to offers grants of between £20,000 and £250,000 for community-led renewable energy projects that also benefit energy consumers in vulnerable situations.</p>	<p><a href="#">Energy Saving Trust</a></p>

The Energy Learning Network is a new initiative funded by <a href="#">The National Lottery</a> to support community energy groups, led by <a href="#">Ashden</a> . The project is looking to recruit community energy mentors to share advice and support with people active in, or moving into, community energy. The initial deadline to apply to be a mentor is November 29 <sup>th</sup> .	<a href="#">Energy Learning Network</a>
The <a href="#">Women In Renewables Mentoring Programme</a> - is taking sign-ups for both mentees and mentors for 2025.	<a href="#">Regen</a>
These community funding portals can also signpost you to locally-specific sources of funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Community Energy England</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Community First Yorkshire</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Durham Community Action</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">East Riding Grant Finder</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">North East Community Foundation</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Catalyst Stockton</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">South Yorkshire Community Foundation</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Tees Foundation</a></li> </ul>	

EVENTS	LINK
The Centre for Sustainable Energy are hosting a webinar on <a href="#">Developing Business Models &amp; Financing Community-led projects</a> on <b>Tuesday November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm</b> . The event will provide an overview of viable business models and what to consider when preparing business plans for community energy projects.	<a href="#">Centre for Sustainable Energy</a>
The Energy Learning Network are hosting a webinar on the <a href="#">Role Of Community Energy In Heat Networks</a> on <b>Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 3pm</b> . This event will consider the basics of what a heat network is, the different types and the different low carbon energy sources they use, explore the different models for heat network delivery that community groups could engage with.	<a href="#">Energy Learning Network</a>
Northern Powergrid run monthly connections surgeries to provide pre-application support and advice for new grid connections.	<a href="#">Northern Powergrid</a>
York Retrofit Network are hosting an in-person event on <b>Wednesday November 27<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon</b> at West Offices, York. The network is part of a wider project to create a Retrofit One-Stop-Shop for York and is an opportunity to make connections with people in the retrofit industry, ask questions to industry experts, learn more about local opportunities, and find out more about accreditation and procurement processes.	<a href="#">York Retrofit Network</a>
The Centre for Sustainable Energy are hosting a webinar showcasing how community energy groups can develop community-led and owned low carbon transport solutions on <b>Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm</b> .	<a href="#">Centre for Sustainable Energy</a>

Yorkshire Energy Doctor will be hosting a series of free training courses from January 2025.	<a href="#">Yorkshire Energy Doctor</a>
Geothermal Heating Demonstrator Project Visits (January 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> ). Tours are offered of a geothermal system in action at the Kirby Misperton KM8 Geothermal Demonstrator Site in North Yorkshire, which deploys a geothermal system into a redundant gas well.	<a href="#">KM8</a>

CONSULTATIONS AND REVIEWS	LINK
<p>The Parliamentary Net Zero and Energy Security Committee has opened a call for evidence on unlocking community energy at scale, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential solutions to the financial and regulatory barriers facing community energy projects</li> <li>• The role of the Local Power Plan.</li> <li>• How reforms to the planning system, grid connections and the energy market could support the growth of community energy at scale.</li> </ul> <p>The deadline to submit evidence is January 13th.</p>	<a href="#">Parliament.uk</a>
<p>The Law Commission has been asked by HM Treasury to review the legal framework governing co-operatives and community benefit societies. The deadline for consultation responses is December 10<sup>th</sup>.</p>	<a href="#">Law Commission</a>
<p>South Yorkshire Ecofit's has opened a <a href="#">survey for householders</a> in South Yorkshire to help identify house and householder archetypes suitable for "light retrofit" with a heat pump or "deep retrofit" with a heat pump. Participating households have a chance to win a free home energy assessment. The survey closes on January 5<sup>th</sup>.</p>	<a href="#">SY Ecofit</a>

RESOURCES	LINK
<p>Free information on solar radiation and photovoltaic system performance for any location in the world (except the North and South Poles!)</p>	<a href="#">Open Solar</a>
<p>Local community energy group <a href="#">Humshaugh Net Zero</a> have created a useful map of the process they followed when deciding what structure they would need when they formed.</p>	<a href="#">Humshaugh NZ</a>
<p>Regen have published a paper on 'shared ownership' models, where clean power projects are jointly owned by developers and local community organisations.</p>	<a href="#">Regen</a>
<p>The following resources are available from the North East and Yorkshire Net Zero Hub.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A <a href="#">briefing</a> on announcements relating to energy made in the recent Budget.</li> <li>• <a href="#">New research</a> on what successful retrofit looks like.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Decarbonising Public Buildings Toolkit</a></li> </ul>	

- [Interactive Energy Assets Map](#)