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22 NOVEMBER 2024





# A WARM WELCOME

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It is with great joy that I welcome you to the Community Energy Awards 2024.

Community energy is a cornerstone of our journey towards a just and net-zero future, and tonight we gather to celebrate the outstanding contributions propelling this vital sector forward. As the voice of this movement, Community Energy England is committed to championing the sector and ensuring that people and communities are placed at the heart of the energy transformation.

Congratulations to all the finalists and winners, whose remarkable work is driving the continued growth, resilience, and innovation of our sector. The breadth and quality of this year's shortlisted submissions are a testament to the commitment and ingenuity of the individuals and organisations we work alongside.

A heartfelt thank you to our excellent panel of judges who gave their time to select our 2024 winners—a task that grows more challenging each year. We are also deeply grateful to our sponsors—Lendology, Triodos Bank, ES Catapult—and our supporting partners, the South West Net Zero Hub, for making this celebration possible. To everyone here tonight, thank you for celebrating with us and for your contributions to ensuring that our sector not only endures but continues to evolve and flourish.

Community Energy England's mission is to create the conditions within which community energy is able to thrive and scale. We look forward to continuing to work with you in helping the sector to continue to adapt, innovate, and grow.

We hope you enjoy this special evening. With best wishes and the best of luck tonight to our finalists.

**Emma Bridge**  
Chief Executive, Community Energy England

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# TIMINGS AT A GLANCE

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**6:30 PM**

Guests Arrive

**7:00 PM**

Opening Remarks from Community Energy England

**7:10 PM**

Awards Ceremony Part I

**8:00 PM**

Drinks & Canapes

**8:30 PM**

Keynote Address: Minister Kerry McCarthy

**8:50 PM**

Awards Ceremony (Part I)

**10:00 PM**

Awards Ceremony Close

*Networking and drinks until 10:30 PM*

## JUDGES

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**Grateful thanks to our independent judges who were responsible for choosing winners and finalists for each award category,**

Emma Bridge  
*Chair of the Panel*

Syed Ahmed, Community Energy London

Emma Lower, Lendology

Will Walker, Ashden

Max Ansell, OVO Energy

Hayley Ash, SW Net Zero Hub

Diana Gerry, Triodos Bank

Alex Stephens, Triodos Bank

Richard Halsey, ES Catapult

Michaela Cryar, Yunity

Jake Burnyeat, Communities for Renewables CIC

Rebecca Windemer & Shona Reid, Regen

Louise Taylor & Liam Cantwell, SP Energy Networks

Leonie Cooper, Greater London Authority

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# AWARDS CEREMONY (PART I)

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CREW ENERGY  
NATIONAL ENERGY ACTION (NEA)

## COLLABORATION IN COMMUNITY ENERGY

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DATBLYGIADAU EGNİ GWLEDİG (DEG)  
COMMUNITY ENERGY SOUTH

## ADVANCING INNOVATION

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CEPRO & BRISTOL ENERGY COOPERATIVE  
PLYMOUTH ENERGY COMMUNITY  
WESTMILL SOLAR CO-OPERATIVE & MECISE

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INCLUSION

EXETER COMMUNITY ENERGY  
EAST DURHAM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST LTD  
REPOWERING LONDON

## CE ORGANISATION OF THE YEAR (S/M)

ENERGISE SOUTH DOWNS  
THE CHEESE PROJECT CIC  
DERBYSHIRE DALES COMMUNITY ENERGY

## SUPPORTIVE LOCAL AUTHORITY

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TORBAY COUNCIL  
ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL  
THE CITY OF YORK COUNCIL  
THE WEST OF ENGLAND MAYORAL COMBINED AUTHORITY (WECA)

# AWARDS CEREMONY (PART II)

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

PRESENTERED TO JOE FORTUNE AND TEAM, THE COOPERATIVE PARTY

## SECTOR SUPPORT

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COMMUNITY ENERGY SOUTH

## PROGRESS IN EXPANSION AWARD

SHROPSHIRE & TELFORD COMMUNITY ENERGY  
EXETER COMMUNITY ENERGY  
CROYDON COMMUNITY ENERGY  
BRISTOL ENERGY COOPERATIVE

## CAMPAIGNING ORGANISATION OF THE YEAR

THE CO-OPERATIVE PARTY  
BRISTOL ENERGY COOPERATIVE  
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NATIONAL ENERGY ACTION

## CE ORGANISATION OF THE YEAR (L)

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EXETER COMMUNITY ENERGY  
BRISTOL ENERGY NETWORK  
BRIGHTON ENERGY CO-OP  
ENERGISE SUSSEX COAST

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COMMUNITY ENERGY CHAMPION AWARD



**Dave Green, Shropshire and Telford Community Energy**

Dave Green has dedicated nearly two decades to advancing community energy in Shropshire and Telford, playing key roles in projects like STCE’s share offer, the Oswaldtwistle Solar Meadow, and the Bishops Castle Heat and Wind Network, while fostering collaboration and knowledge-sharing across the UK community energy sector.



**Eva Goudouneix, Repowering London**

As Community Engagement Programme Manager at Repowering London, Eva has been a driving force in fostering inclusivity and diversity in community energy, creating innovative initiatives like the Summer School of Power and Organising and the Creative Energy Club to empower marginalised groups and engage broader communities in energy initiatives.



**Kate Meakin, Energise Sussex Coast**

Kate’s strategic leadership and compassionate approach have been instrumental in guiding Energise Sussex Coast through challenging times, securing vital funding, and launching transformative initiatives like the community solar farm and retrofit services to combat energy poverty and enhance local sustainability.



**Andy O'Brien, Bristol Energy Cooperative**

Andy, co-founder of Bristol Energy Cooperative, has been instrumental in developing the cooperative into one of the largest in England, securing 22 clean energy projects and inspiring local communities through his leadership, advocacy, and commitment to sustainable energy practices.



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