



PROGRAMME

Connecting Communities - Summer Conference 2023

19 September 2023, London

SUMMER CONFERENCE 2023

PROGRAMME & SPEAKER DETAILS

10:00
AM

Morning Plenary

Opening Remarks from CEE and Yöunity

Welcome from Syed Ahmed, Community Energy London

Olivia Blunn, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

11:15
AM

Refreshments and Networking in the Forum

11:45
AM

Workshops

Yöunity - PPAs: What does it mean to sell our energy?
(Dickens Room)

Community Energy South - Pathways to a sustainable
community energy organisation (Sir Hans Sloane)

Energy4All - Building a community of investors (Fielding Room)

Big Solar Coop - Ethical Dilemmas in Community Solar
(Story Studio)

If Not Now - The Power of Social Media
(Wilson Room)

12:45
PM

Lunch and Networking in the Forum



2:00
PM

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Optimistic Foundation CIC - The Power of Social Media
(Wilson Room)

3:00
PM

Refreshments Break in the Forum

3:15
PM

Afternoon Plenary

Panel Discussion, chaired by Phil Coventry:
*How Community Energy organisations and businesses can work
together*

4:30
PM

Refreshments and Networking in the Forum

5:00
PM

Conference Close

EXHIBITORS



At Thrive Renewables, we connect people to sustainable energy. Our mission is to power the transition to a sustainable energy future by helping people meaningfully connect with clean energy projects.

At Triodos Bank we believe that money can be a powerful force for positive change. We have a long track record of supporting community energy by providing construction loans, project finance and raising junior debt and community shares through our crowdfunding platform.



Wrigleys Solicitors LLP are a nationally regarded law firm with deep expertise in the niche areas of law that are at the foundation of most renewable energy projects. We can provide initial and ongoing structuring and governance advice to organisations in relation to any renewable energy project.

At Younity, our priority is supporting community energy with impactful solutions. We connect groups to the energy market through PPA's, to skilled volunteers through our volunteering platform, and to funding, with our loan and grant facilities. Essentially, we exist to energise community energy.



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PPAs: What does it mean to sell our energy?

Led by Michaela Cryar and Connie Muir

If your organisation has a renewable energy generation project or has a project in development and you want to explore your options in selling your renewable energy, but aren't sure where to start, look no further! In this workshop, join Michaela and Connie from Yöunity to hear the latest energy market update (in lamens terms!) as well as what it means to set up a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), get paid for REGOs and what other Embedded Benefits you might be entitled to.

Location: Dickens Room



Pathways to a Sustainable Community Energy Organisation

Led by the Community Energy South Team

This workshop is designed to help participants gain the knowledge and tools necessary to develop a sustainable workforce that fosters growth within the sector. The workshop will focus on how small community energy organisations can start employing staff, including securing funding, and other practical considerations. The workshop is aimed at newly established groups, and or those wanting to move to the next step in building capacity.

Location: Sir Hans Sloane

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Building a community of investors for your community energy organisation

Led by Mike Smyth and Rachael Hunter

The workshop is an interactive session aimed at empowering participants to create thriving community energy organisations through the ongoing development and marketing of share offers. The workshop delves into the key aspects of engaging effectively with members to build a successful and sustainable community-driven energy initiative.

Location: Fielding Room



Ethical Dilemmas in Community Solar

Led by Jon Halle

The Big Solar Coop has made significant strides in adopting ethical practices, including careful consideration of their suppliers and promoting the use of ethically-sound solar panels. Jon Halle will be sharing some of the ethical dilemmas that the Big Solar Co-op has encountered and some of the approaches taken so far. The workshop will then examine some of these interactively in more detail with plenty of space to explore your own ethical positions.

Location: Story Studio

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The Power of Social Media

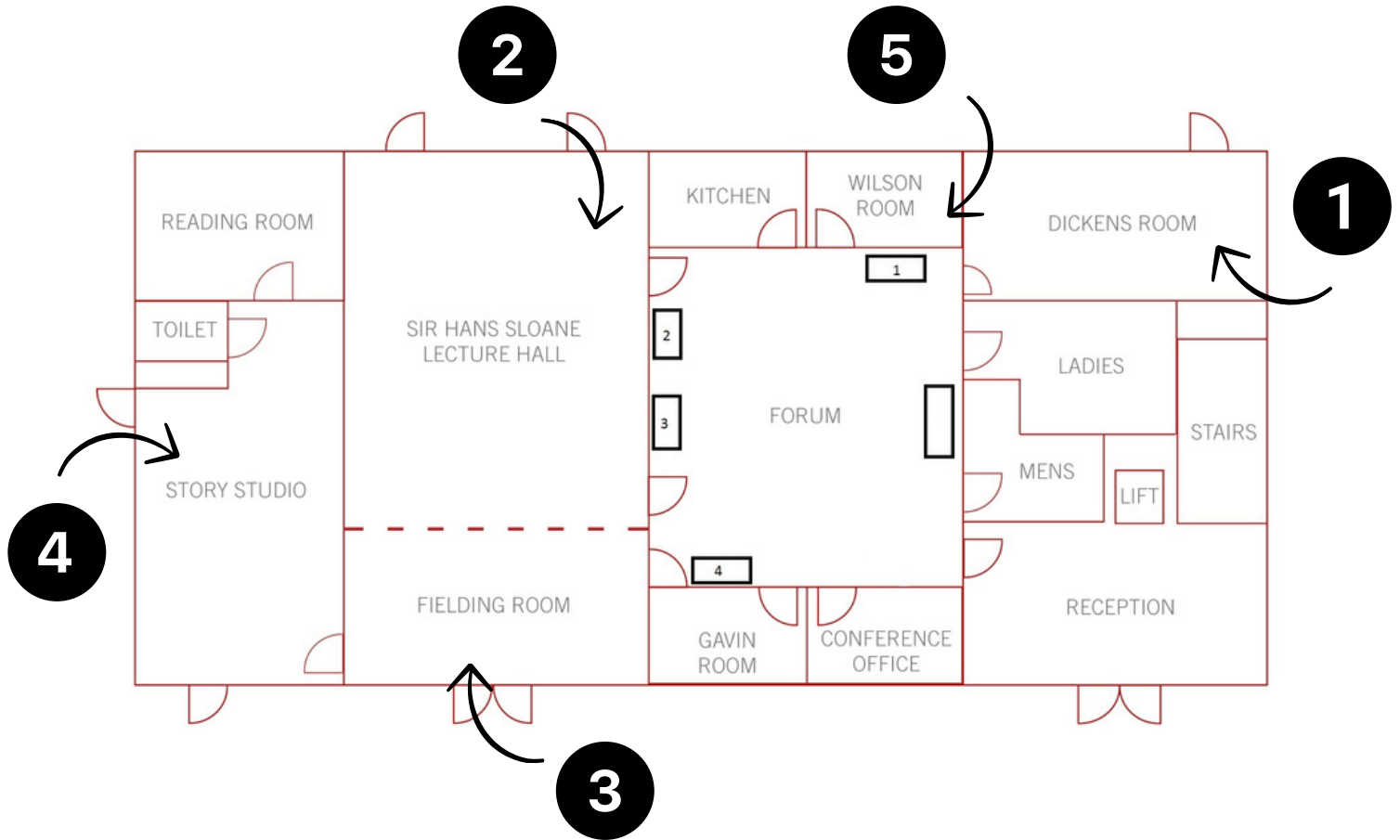
Led by Chris Bettles, If Not Now (11:45am) and Dan Edelstyn, Optimistic Foundation CIC (2pm)

This workshop, in partnership with If Not Now and Optimistic Foundation CIC, is a session that aims to help you understand the power of social media and equip you with the essential skills needed to harness that power to drive successful community energy initiatives.

Additionally, the workshop will provide participants with a unique opportunity to have a headshot taken by a professional photographer, to enhance their online presence and engagement.

Location: Wilson Room

All workshops are scheduled to run at **11:45am** and **2pm**, and there is no need to book in advance; however, please be aware that workshop availability is subject to the meeting room's capacity, and if a workshop room reaches full capacity, you will be redirected to attend an alternative session.



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