

Community Energy and the Green Recovery with Northern Powergrid

Working together for a
low carbon future

Thursday 3 September
14.00-16.00



Agenda

- 14.00 **Welcome and introductions from the chair**
Jodie Giles, senior project manager, Regen
- 14.10 **Introduction to Northern Powergrid's strategy and approach for community energy engagement**
Helen Priestley, senior stakeholder engagement lead, Northern Powergrid
- 14.30 **Interactive breakout Q&A**
beginners, intermediate, advanced including connections
- 15.05 **Tea break and swap shop**
Post your top tips, resources, and ideas in the chat
- 15.15 **The role of community energy in a green recovery**
Paul Hewitson, HartlePower
- 15.30 **Q&A**
- 15.50 **Closing remarks**
Jodie Giles, senior project manager, Regen
- 16.00 **End**



We continue to deliver the actions in our strategy

We made a series of commitments in our engagement strategy in response to your feedback:

- ✓ Interviews with Community Energy organisations – ‘state of the region’ report
- ✓ Named community energy contact
- ✓ Community Energy hub on our website
- ✓ Quarterly newsletters
- ✓ Dedicated engagement sessions
- ✓ Upfront advice before making an application
- ✓ More innovation
- ✓ Financial and technical support
- ✓ Longer term support to address climate change issues – read our Emerging Thinking document



Available from: <https://www.northernpowergrid.com/community-energy/>

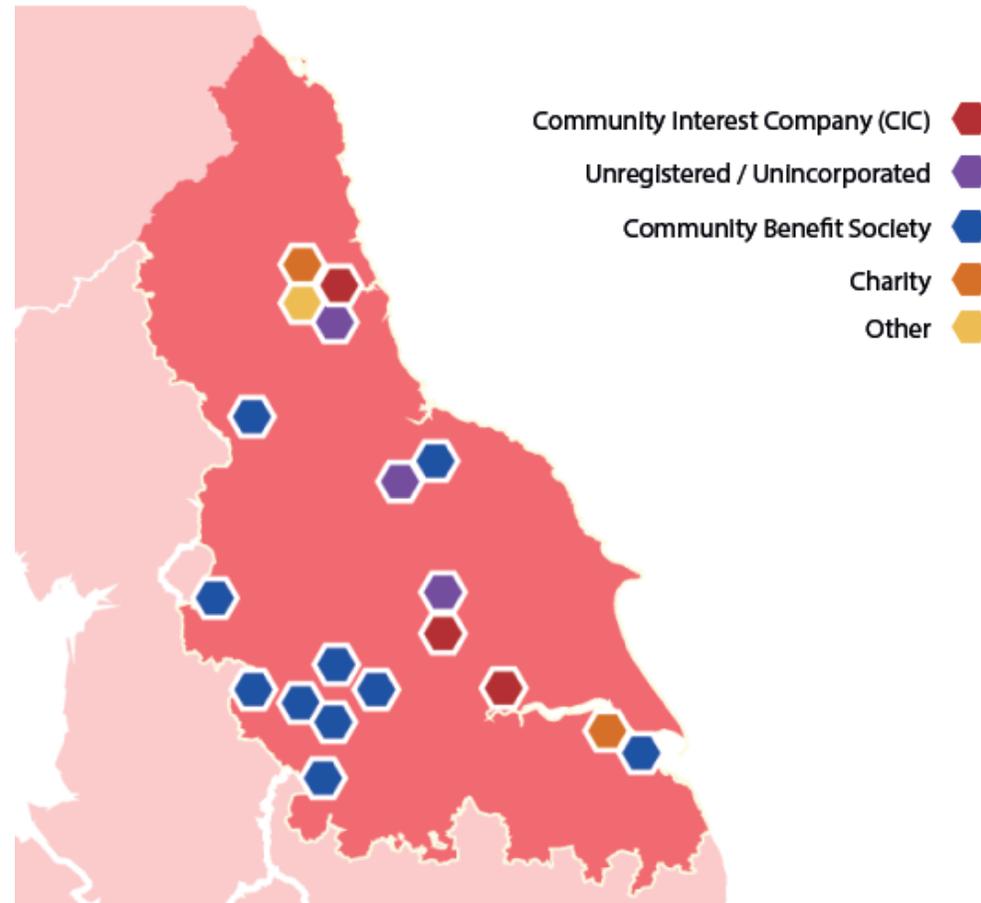
Community Energy in the North East and Yorkshire

Our latest research with Community Energy England illustrates the economic, social and environmental benefits of community energy brings to the region:

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There are more than 20 community energy projects in our area and this number is growing steadily



Support for anyone seeking a new connection

AutoDesign



- Guides users to the most viable and cost-effective LV connections solutions.
- Get a free of charge estimate for the work in minutes.
- <https://www.northernpowergrid.com/auto-design>

Connections Surgeries



- Monthly surgeries providing free technical support and advice on new connections.
- Book online or email connectionssurgeries@northernpowergrid.com

Network Availability Heat Maps



- High level indication of the networks capacity to connect new generation and demand at HV and EHV.
- <https://www.northernpowergrid.com/generation-availability-map>
- <https://www.northernpowergrid.com/demand-availability-map>

What else do you need from us?



- Help us build on our proposition by telling us about the kind of support you need now and in the future.
- Send your feedback to communityenergy@northernpowergrid.com

Our business planning process

- We are a **regulated utility business** and we therefore we plan ahead of time (in specific time intervals known as price control periods).
- We are preparing for our next business plan, which will run from **1 April 2023 – 31 March 2028** supporting the transition to a low carbon future across our region.
- We want to make sure everyone's feedback is taken into account as we develop our future plans. **Now is a key time for engagement, challenge and feedback.**



Core messages: We've been listening

Our Emerging Thinking has been shaped by what we have heard from customers and stakeholders:

- **Decarbonisation** is a priority and they see us playing a major role in facilitating the transition to net zero
- The **safety, reliability and resilience** of our network remains a top priority, increasingly so as more reliance is placed on electricity in day-to-day life.
- They expect us to show leadership on **environmental protection**
- They want us to continue to take a leading role in **supporting vulnerable customers** and to consider going further
- They want us to do all this whilst **keeping bills low.**



>3,500

Stakeholder views



563

External partners



>80

Politicians engaged



>880

Stakeholders engaged at summit and online events

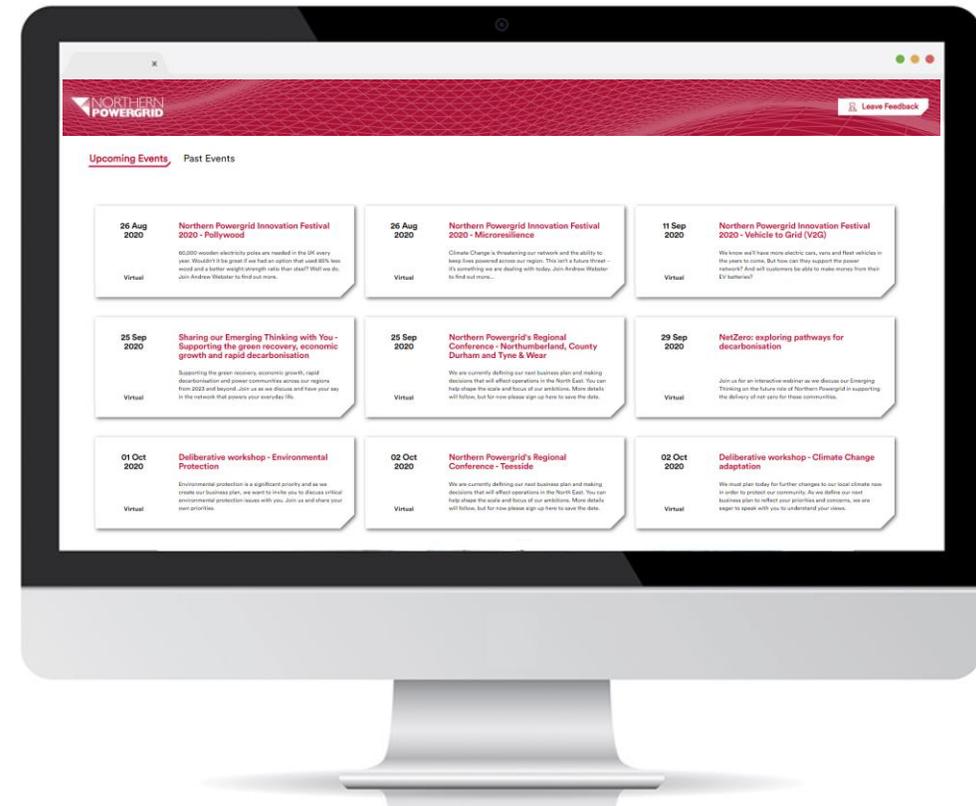


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Membership of our new consumer panels

Future events and opportunities for engagement

- <http://engage.northernpowergrid.com/>
- Festival of Innovation and Ideas – from 12 August to 11 September
 - Recordings of past events will be made available online
- Regional conferences held throughout September - October
- Net Zero webinar – 29 September
- Workshops on our RIIO-ED2 Emerging Thinking



By working together, we can deliver better outcomes for all our stakeholders

We would love to hear from you!

E-mail communityenergy@northernpowergrid.com to:

- Sign up to our quarterly Community Energy newsletter
- Register your interest in joining our Community Energy stakeholder panel
- Email us with any feedback, questions or thoughts
- Tell us about any new projects you are considering
...or all of the above

For more information on available resources, visit <https://www.northernpowergrid.com/community-energy/>



Thank you

Interactive breakout Q&A

1. Share your community energy ambitions
2. Ask the questions you want answers to, there will be Northern Powergrid and community energy experts on hand to help
3. What support do you (community and local energy organisations) need from Northern Powergrid next?
4. Advanced group – what level of connections support do you need specifically?

Break

See you back soon

Post your top tips, resources, and ideas in the chat



Thank you for listening

