

Community Energy Conference

3 July 2024 – 10:30-15:30
CH Venues, St Saviourgate, York

Agenda

10:30 Registration

11:00 Welcome from the hosts

- *George Middlemiss, local energy analyst, Regen*
- *Siobhan Barton, head of stakeholder relations, Northern Powergrid*
- *Phillip Coventry, head of operations, Community Energy England*

11:20 Main session 1: Choice of interactive sessions

Option 1: Panel session – Collaborative pathways to local decarbonisation

- *Shaun Gibbons, head of carbon reduction, City of York Council*
- *Tom de Simone, energy advisor, York Community Energy*
- *Vicky Dunn, managing director, Grimsby Community Energy*
- *Ben Atkinson, sustainability manager, North Lincolnshire Council*

Option 2: Workshop on raising finance, hosted by Ethex

Exploring best practices, key lessons from other organisations and how to engage with investors.

12:20 Local decarbonisation in action – presentation from local community organisation

Acomb Parish Council: Early Development of Community Solar PV in Acomb
Guy Nicholson, sub-committee member, Acomb Parish Council

12:40 Lunch and networking

Food and refreshments are provided.

13:20 Main session 2: Quickfire workshops

Participants rotate until they have attended all three workshops

1. *Community DSO innovation project – Jane Watson, innovation engagement lead, Northern Powergrid*
2. *Community participation in developer-led renewable projects – Jess Hogan, energy analyst, Regen*
3. *Insights into the community energy sector – Phillip Coventry, head of operations, Community Energy England*

14:30 Networking drinks and surgeries

Opportunity for attendees to network, speak to exhibitors and attend surgeries (Community DSO, Northern Powergrid Net Zero Community Energy Fund). Exhibitors include: Younity, Parity Projects and the Centre for Energy Equality.

15:30 Close