

Green Energy Awards – Criteria

CLEAN ENERGY SYSTEM DISRUPTOR

This award recognises the role of innovative technology and disruptive business models in transforming the sustainable energy sector.

We are looking for applications from organisations that have developed innovative clean energy products or that are using new business models to drive the transition to a smart, decentralised energy system.

The judges welcome quantification of benefits and market scale and entries should have left the lab and be available on the market.

1. What is the innovation or new business model? What is its significance for a smart decentralised, decarbonised and democratised energy system? Please quantify benefits where possible.
2. How does it stand out from the market and what are the carbon benefits?
3. What are the potential benefits to the UK? For example, how could the innovation or business model contribute to the UK's industrial strategy?
4. What sales have been achieved to date and what is your assessment of the potential market?

CLEAN ENERGY PIONEER

This award recognises the achievements of the inspiring individuals making a real difference to the development of decentralised, decarbonised and democratic energy.

The pioneer could be a politician, an individual working in the clean energy sector, or a business leader. Whatever their background, we are looking for someone who has shown inspiring leadership, strong individual commitment and who has made a significant impact as a force for change.

Nominations should be for individuals only and can be from the nominated person or on their behalf.

1. How has the pioneer helped drive the transition to a smart, decentralised, decarbonised and democratic energy system?
2. What clean energy schemes, new business models or policies has the individual championed? What obstacles or difficult issues did they have to overcome?

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3. How has the pioneer championed innovation? For example, have they worked to champion disruptive models, or improve diversity in the clean energy sector?
4. How has the nominee gone above and beyond the day-to-day responsibilities of their role to champion clean energy?

CLEAN ENERGY SCHEME

This award recognises pioneering clean energy schemes that are up and running and delivering significant carbon savings.

We are keen to receive nominations from clean energy projects that provide transport, heat or power; we also welcome projects using a range of technologies to address multiple energy vectors.

1. What are the carbon benefits of the scheme? For example, what are the units of energy delivered and the amount of carbon that has been saved (on an annual basis).
2. How does the project contribute to the overall energy system and use smart or flexible approaches to address grid constraints and times of high energy demand?
3. What are the broader benefits of the scheme? For example, what percentage of the project was delivered by local companies? How did the project engage positively with the local stakeholders? How have the benefits of the scheme been communicated to the community and policy makers to build support for smart and clean energy?
4. What is the significance of the scheme? Is it a first; is it replicable?

COMMUNITY ENERGY INITIATIVE

This award recognises the role of the inspiring community energy groups across the UK working for a more democratic energy system.

We are looking for an innovative community energy group with a vision for a more democratic energy system that benefits the wider community and that has driven a range of projects to reduce energy consumption and increase a shift to renewable energy.

1. What clean energy or energy efficiency measures have the community group led?
2. What level of community involvement and support is there for the initiative? Please give evidence of this.

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3. What has been the effect of the initiative? For example, what are the benefits to the community and to the environment that have been achieved (please quantify these).
4. What is the local vision for community energy?

LOCAL ENERGY LEADERSHIP

This award recognises the crucial role local public sector leadership can play in the shift to decentralised, democratic and decarbonised energy, both through an ambitious and supportive policy framework and through inspiring projects.

We are looking for nominations from local authorities, LEPs, city regions or public sector partnerships taking a whole system approach to addressing all aspects of their local energy infrastructure including heat, transport and power.

1. What positive policies are in place to support a decarbonised, decentralised and democratic local energy system and what evidence is there of the capability and political will to implement these policies?
2. How are these policies being actively implemented through action on the ground? What investment has been made and assets utilised to achieve pioneering projects?
3. What has been the effect of implementing these projects? For example, what are the carbon reductions achieved, power or heat produced/saved, and the benefits to the local community and economy.
4. How is the local area leading the way nationally?