

Local Support for Community Energy



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About Repowering London

What we are working towards



Vision A clean, local and affordable energy future for everyone

Mission To give urban communities the power to create, control and benefit from clean energy and warmer homes, democratising our energy system

Goal For communities in every town and city in the UK to be empowered with clean energy and to live in warm, healthy, and comfortable homes by 2030





Our impact so far



10

Community Benefit Societies (co-operatives) currently supported



1,362t

estimated amount of CO₂ emissions avoided by end 2025*

● **Developing work**

Westminster

● **Established projects**

Barnet, City of London, Ealing, Hackney, Hammersmith & Fulham, Kensington & Chelsea, Lambeth, Newham and Southwark

We support community energy co-ops in **11** of London's 32 boroughs and the **City of London**



OUR GOAL

1.5MWp

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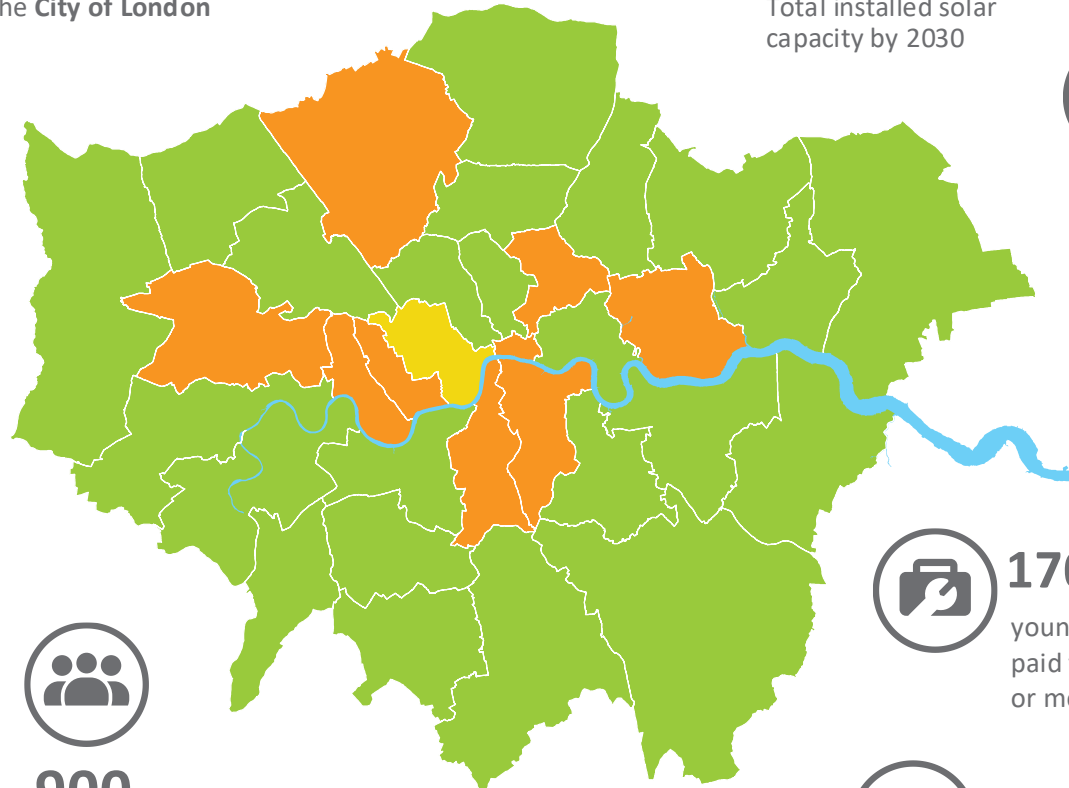
5MWp

Total installed solar capacity by 2030



~2,000

children and young people involved in and inspired by climate and energy learning



~900

people directly involved as local investors, co-operative members and volunteer directors



170+

young people received paid training, internships or mentoring



~100

people developed knowledge of governance and leadership



£228k

being ringfenced in Community Funds and earmarked for spending on local priority projects

* Based on 25-year lifetime and GHG Conversion Factors for the year assets installed

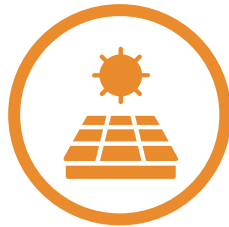


Repowered Community Our urban clean-energy model



Local ownership

Projects are co-created with the wider community in a way that involves people who have traditionally been hard to reach.



Clean energy generation

Boosted by our own low-cost finance option and commitment to using the best technology to suit the task – whether a solar energy install or energy-efficient retrofit.



Green skills

People are prepared for a rewarding and resilient future with employability and green energy training, climate education, and energy efficiency tools and advice.

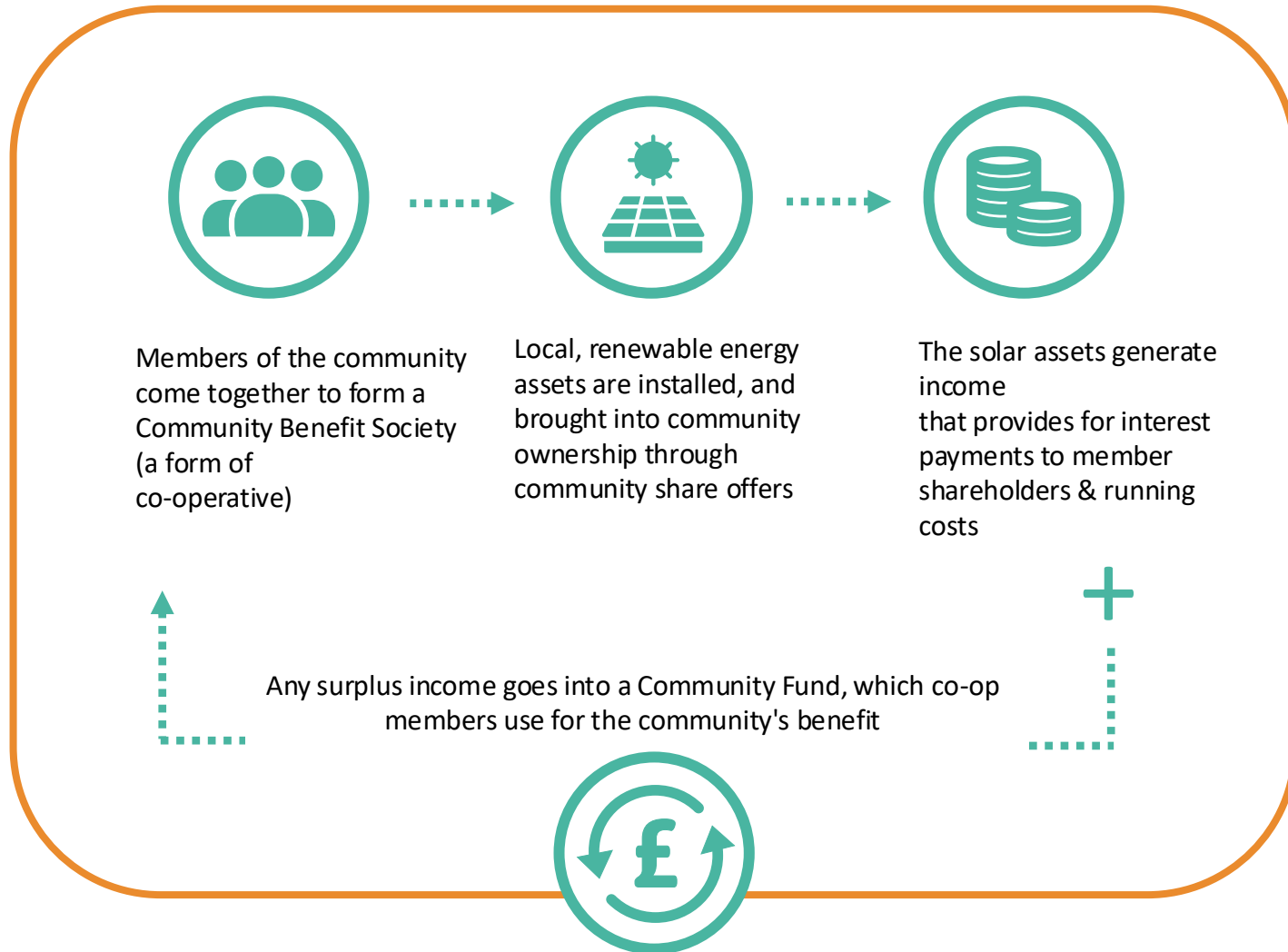


Affordable energy for everyone

By providing lower-cost energy, creating warmer and healthier homes and less pollution we can end fuel poverty and reduce urban health deficits.

Solar development

How our co-operative model works



Our approach to community engagement

What guides our work



Inclusive participation

- We use participatory approaches in our activities, and prioritise co-design and power-sharing wherever possible

Creative engagement

- We use creativity, art and social innovation to make our projects interesting, accessible and relevant

Place-based collaboration

- Our locally-rooted Community Leads and volunteer champions build strong place-based networks and relationships

Education and training

- We engage with young people through opportunities to build green skills

Developing our sector

How we support local solar co-ops



Finance & governance

- We support co-op banking and reporting, have created a tailored platform for holding community share offers and managing membership registers, and coordinate Annual General Meetings

Education & training

- We recruit members and volunteer directors and provide a programme of mentoring and training to help each co-op develop skills

Community engagement

- We employ dedicated Community Leads in the areas we work in, leveraging their deep and rooted local networks

Council Climate Action Scorecards

Criteria on community energy



Does the council have a scheme to allow residents to purchase renewable energy cheaply, through collective buying?

- This may include running a Solar Streets or Solar Together programme.
- **Progress so far:** In 2025, 52% of Local Authorities were found to support residents to collectively purchase renewable energy (up 4 from 2023).

Has the council supported local community renewable energy creation?

- This may include being formally listed as a partner by community energy projects, or provision of funding, land, or other support.
- **Progress so far:** In 2025, 29% of Local Authorities were found to provide support for local community renewable energy creation (up 5 from 2023).



Local Authority support for community energy projects

Three examples



1. Providing funding for community energy initiatives:

- Southwark Council has delivered three rounds of the **Southwark Community Energy Fund**, dedicated to community-led green energy projects.
- Westminster Council has provided significant funding for community energy development through the **Westminster Climate Fund**.

2. Providing Council-owned sites for projects:

- **Newham Council** has supported the local co-op, Community Energy Newham, to deliver rooftop solar installations across a range of Council-owned sites including schools, libraries, and leisure centres.

3. Supporting community share offers:

- **Hammersmith & Fulham Council** supported their local co-op, Hammersmith & Fulham Community Energy, by advertising their community share offer across a range of local channels.



For local groups getting started:

- Community Energy England provides a range of tools and guidance, as well as a list of existing community energy projects across England.
- Community Energy Scotland and Community Energy Wales support the sector in Scotland and Wales.
- Community Energy GO can provide tailored support to new groups, and the Energy Learning Network offers a range of events and resources.

For Local Authorities:

- While it is aimed at London Councils, the Regen toolkit on Establishing and Supporting Community Energy provides useful guidance – including making the strategic case for community energy, working in partnership, supporting solar PV on council buildings, and energy advice services.
- The Guide to Community Solar on Council Assets, published by the Greater South East Net Zero Hub.

