

# Community Connects

Community and local energy workshops

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## Realising Community Energy Potential

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**Welcome and introductions**

**Helen Seagrave, Community Energy Manager**

## What is community and local energy?



*To us community energy means community-led projects or initiatives to reduce, manage, generate or purchase energy. Community energy projects focus on engagement and benefits to their local area and communities.*

*Local energy encompasses community energy projects and also includes activities by a wider set of local partners such as local authorities, housing associations, intermediary or advisory organisations and local businesses. Local energy projects may have a commercial aspect to their delivery but are also likely to benefit their local area and community.*





23 Community Energy Groups; 9.2MW of community owned capacity; 4% of UK

2018

2 new community electricity generation projects completed

58 kW in total

575 kW is planned for 2019



7.9 MW Wind Energy



0.8 MW Solar PV



0.5 MW Hydroelectric

# Not just generation



Smart Meter  
Installation



Energy Audits



Energy Efficient  
Lighting



Insulation



Energy Switching

**5**  
Organisations  
Improving  
Energy Efficiency



Advice & Workshops

**2**  
organisations involved in Energy  
Storage

**2**  
organisations involved in Low Carbon  
Transport

# Where should we take action?



## Access to ENWL

Early engagement  
More face-to-face time; Dedicated point of contact  
Collaboration  
Help with understanding where connections could be easier

## Finance

Financial support  
Help to develop viable business models

## Regulation

Regulatory regime doesn't suit community and local energy  
Current solutions such as virtual private wires are a "work around" and not a long-term solution

**91% of responses agreed or strongly agreed we have understood the main challenges faced by community and local energy groups**

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- 9.30 **Welcome and introductions**  
Helen Seagrave, Community Energy Manager, Electricity North West
- 9.40 **Overview of community energy finance**  
Emma Bridge, CEO, Community Energy England
- 10.00 **The story of developing a community energy renewables project**  
Louise Marix Evans, Director, Quantum & Community Energy North
- 10.10 **Session 1. Mapping existing landscape; identifying gaps and opportunities**  
Facilitated by Louise Marix Evans, Quantum
- 11.00 **Break**
- 11.10 **Session 2: Discussion and devising solutions**  
Facilitated by Louise Marix Evans
- 12.00 **Summary and closing remarks**  
Helen Seagrave, Community Energy Manager, Electricity North West
- 12.15 **Lunch**
- 1.00 **Close**

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## Introductions

- **Name**
- **Organisation**
- **What you hope to contribute / get out of today**