

Community Energy

A guide to community-based renewable-energy projects

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Keynote

A comprehensive book that provides information and guidance for anyone interested in setting up and running a community energy project. Written by one of the UK's leading experts on community energy projects.

Description

This book looks at what community renewables means in the UK. It examines the history of community renewable projects and the different types of project that have been successful and unsuccessful.

A handy resource for anyone thinking of embarking on a community renewables project, as well being a useful source of information for people in the renewables industry and policymakers at all levels of government.

Audience

It is aimed at the individuals and groups considering an energy project in their school, community, or local area. It is also suitable for academic and professional audiences. It is ideal for people who like:

- *Power from the People*, Pahl
- *Local Sustainable Homes*, Bird
- *Communities, Councils and a Low-Carbon Future*, Rowell

Key Selling Points

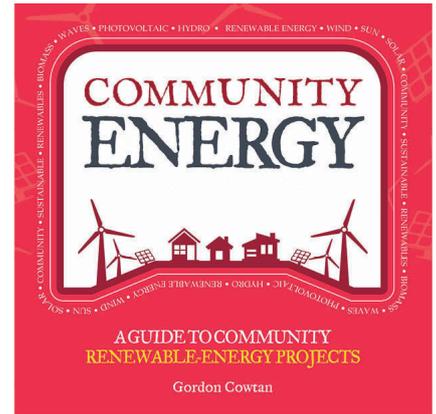
- Provides information necessary to anyone starting a community energy project
- Contains several case studies focussing on existing projects
- Author speaking around the UK about community energy projects

Contents

- Introduction, what is a community renewables project?
- Why community renewable matter and why might you want to get involved.
- A little bit of history
- Different scales of project
- Different types of community and community structures
- Government policy
- Different technologies
- Planning policy and planning permission
- Legal structures
- Finance and financial models
- Organisations that provide support
- Other sources of information

The Author

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