

# Community

# Energy

# Update



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Monthly news from the  
Centre for Sustainable  
Energy communities team



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For useful resources, check out [www.cse.org.uk/thesource](http://www.cse.org.uk/thesource).

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## Bright Green Future Applications open for our environmental youth leadership programme

We're looking for passionate environmental activists aged 14-17 to take part in our year-long training programme, Bright Green Future. Starting in September 2018, participants will be provided with the knowledge, skills and confidence to embark on a career path which could influence decisions on energy and climate change. The programme includes face to face and online training, mentoring from a member of the team at CSE, a work placement at a professional organisation and a four-day summer school. This exciting opportunity is open for registration now! The closing date is 8 July.

Help us get the word out by sharing with your networks, on social media or on your website. For more information visit: [www.bright-green-future.org.uk](http://www.bright-green-future.org.uk)



**Important!**  
Please read ...

### Do you want to continue receiving this newsletter?

If so, you need to opt-in by clicking on this link which will take you to a sign-up form on our website. [www.bit.ly/1Ek098Y](http://www.bit.ly/1Ek098Y). Data protection laws are changing so if you don't opt-in you'll be removed from our mailing list by 25 May.

We hope you stay with us! Best wishes from CSE's community energy team.

## Fuel Poverty Research Network conference

CSE is excited to be hosting the the fifth Fuel Poverty Research Network meet-up on 16-17 May in Bristol.

The FPRN brings together researchers concerned with different aspects of the interaction between people, homes and energy. The theme for the conference is 'City-wide and community approaches to fuel poverty and cold homes: Bristol and South West', and the event will be held at The Foundation at Triodos Bank. Details from [www.bit.ly/2qjuVLD](http://www.bit.ly/2qjuVLD)



Conference

16-17 May

Bristol

## Come and work with us!

We're looking for an addition to CSE's Local and Community Empowerment Team

Salary: from £21,690 for a fixed term of 24 months  
Closing date: 12.00 on Monday 21 May

The successful applicant will work on projects that focus on neighbourhood and local planning, and is likely to be someone with a good understanding of the English planning system and who has – or is soon to be awarded – a qualification in town planning or a closely related discipline.

We're looking for an excellent communicator with an enthusiasm for pushing forward the development of local low-carbon activity. Details and application form are available from [www.cse.org.uk/jobs](http://www.cse.org.uk/jobs)



## Community Energy Fortnight coming up

From 23 June to 8 July there will be a wealth of community energy events happening throughout the country. It all kicks off with the Community Energy Conference at University of Manchester on 23 June: [www.bit.ly/2KovTyH](http://www.bit.ly/2KovTyH)

Have a look at the website to see what's going on in your area. 61 events to choose from:

[www.ukcec.org/events/community-fortnight-2018](http://www.ukcec.org/events/community-fortnight-2018)

And why not write a piece for the community energy fortnight blog? If you're interested, email [communityenergyfortnight@gmail.com](mailto:communityenergyfortnight@gmail.com)





## Devon leading county for community energy in the UK

With more community energy groups than any other county, Devon is in the vanguard of a decentralised energy system. Twenty-three grassroots organisations have installed 12.3 MW of capacity through 62 community-owned renewable electricity projects.

Local organisations are rightfully proud of their work. Katie Reville, Director of South Dartmoor Community Energy said: "The community energy sector has economic, social and environmental benefits for the local area. Through our advice services we help residents save energy and money in their homes and we can also give people the opportunity to get involved in, and benefit from, renewable energy schemes."

See the full report on Devon's community energy sector here: [www.bit.ly/2jgj9hb](http://www.bit.ly/2jgj9hb)

## New Triodos crowdfunding platform

Triodos Bank's facility is the first to be launched by a UK bank and will allow people to invest directly in organisations delivering positive social and environmental impacts. More at [www.triodoscrowdfunding.co.uk](http://www.triodoscrowdfunding.co.uk)



## Map of the month

Wind power in the US, mapped!  
[www.bit.ly/2jfRoW5](http://www.bit.ly/2jfRoW5)

A comprehensive database now stores all the information about 57636 wind turbines in the US, in one place. The interactive map details everything from project name, capacity and manufacturer to shows rotor diameter and positions by latitude and longitude.



## Resource of the month

Electricity Network Innovations Guide for Communities 2018: [www.bit.ly/2FuEgoC](http://www.bit.ly/2FuEgoC)

RegenSW's newly published guide to electricity network innovations for communities is full of advice about making our energy system more reliable, cost-effective, and low carbon by managing how we generate, distribute and use electricity in a smarter way. It explains how to engage with your district network operator, manage energy demand and make the most of technologies such as battery storage in your community. Great case studies, and well worth a read if you're looking to improve energy security, drive down bills and take pressure off the grid locally.

