



# Younity

Putting community energy at the heart of  
sustainable power

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# What is community energy?



Community energy is typically collaboration within local communities to ultimately own a renewable generation asset, with the profits generated returning back into the community

# Relationship Structure



# We're proudly supporting over 200 community energy producers



## Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs)

We're proudly supporting over 250 community energy producers around the country across wind, solar and hydro, through our bespoke PPAs

These partnerships are creating enough community-generated energy to power around 60,000 homes



# Supporting community energy

Domestic supply tariff



UK's only community power tariff that is **fuelled 100%**  
**by community energy**

your  
**coop**energy  
powered by **octopus energy**

For every unit of electricity that a customer uses on the Co-op Energy Community Power Tariff, **Yöunity will guarantee to purchase another one directly from a community generator**

The Co-op Energy Community Power Tariff means you can **support local communities** across the country, and know that the **generators receive a fair price** for the power they produce



Proudly partnered  
with Octopus Energy

Partnerships





# Powering Communities Fund



Supporting community ambitions with financial grants

This year, a maximum of £3,750 is available for 4 groups for social impact projects

To date we have  
supported 17  
groups  
distributing  
£50,000

Sustainable  
Agriculture

Education

Science &  
Innovation

Conservation

National  
Living  
Wage

Fuel  
Poverty

Data  
Monitoring &  
Recording

For every new customer that switches to Co-op's  
Community Power Tariff, £10 will be added to the  
Powering Communities Fund

Throughout the year community groups will apply  
for financial grants to help them start or improve  
their community energy project

Twice a year we distribute financial grants to the  
successful applicants

# Powering Communities Fund

## Latest Winners



### Awel Aman Tawe

Running the 'We are Energy Warriors' project for pupils with Additional Learning Needs through art and creativity.



### Pant Memorial Institute

They installed extra solar panels on their Memorial Hall, reducing their bills even further.

### Aldgate Solar Power

Ran a Creative Energy Club, where they used clay to create a renewable-powered village and discussed how the role of co-operative values in community energy



### Bristol Energy Cooperative

Will be facilitating a large community event in South Glos in collaboration with the Centre for Sustainable Energy.



# Supporting the sector

## Financials



### Financial loans – Community Energy Kickstart

- Younity have a short term loan facility, a pot of £1.5m.
- This supports projects at the construction phase, ahead of community share raises, to kickstart the growth of much needed community owned renewables.
- The £1.5m has been provided by both parent companies; Midcounties Co-op & Octopus Energy



Community Energy  
Kickstart



<https://www.younity.coop/funding/community-energy-kickstart>



# Patagonia & Energy Garden

Social Premium product – facilitated by Younity



**Patagonia** is a designer of outdoor clothing, a brand classed as a **World Leader In Sustainability** through its product, activism and donations

Since 1985, the company has **committed 1% of its total sales to environmental groups** through One Percent for the Planet and, in 2012, Patagonia became a **Certified B Corporation**



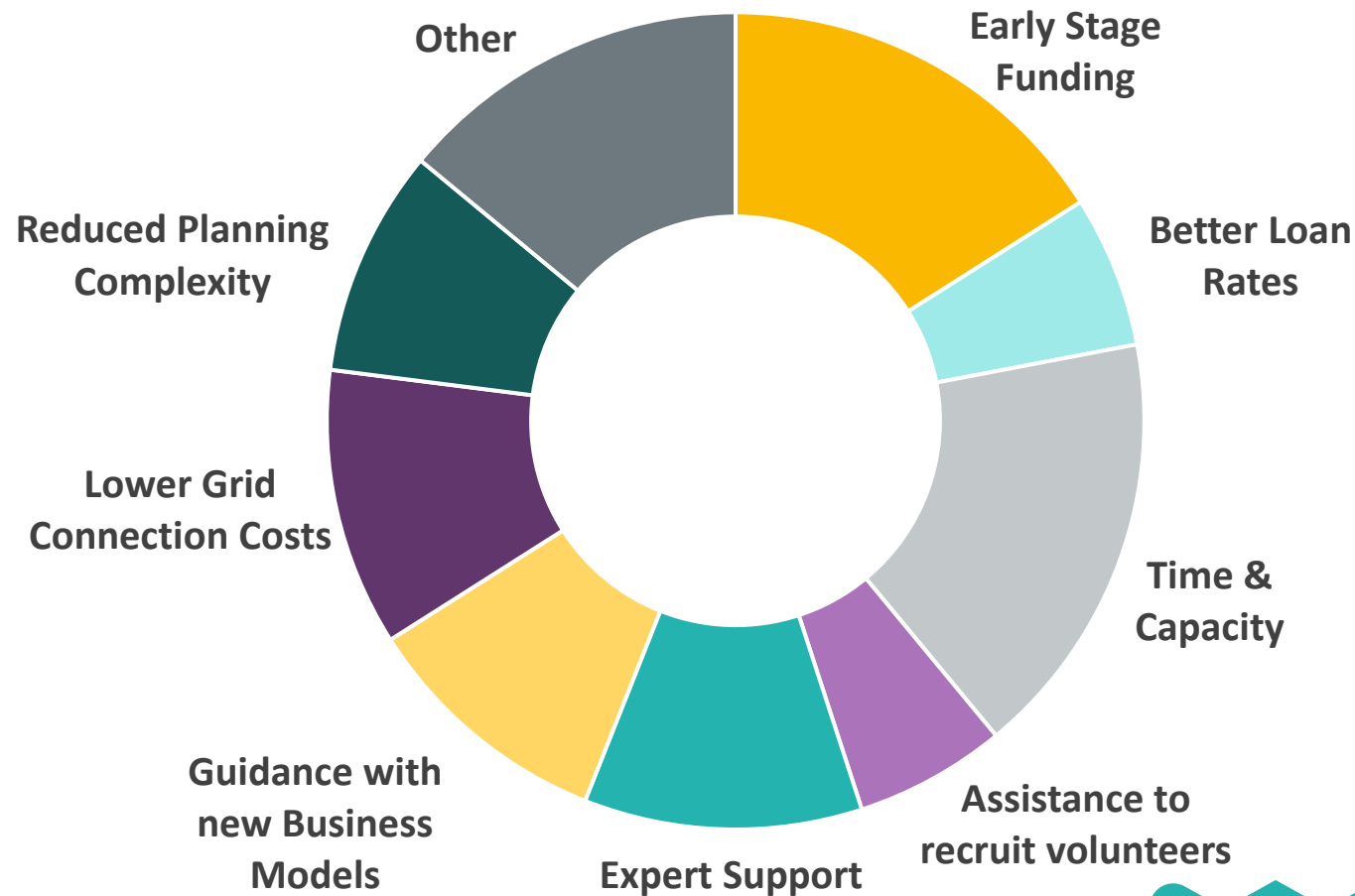
**Energy Garden's** mission is to enable people to invest in renewable energy generation, create vibrant green spaces within urban environments, improve air quality and biodiversity, and **empower communities and young people to take climate action**

Strong youth volunteer network (Over 300 people)

Through the **Social Premium**, Patagonia provides additional financial support to Energy Garden above and beyond the procurement of renewable energy.

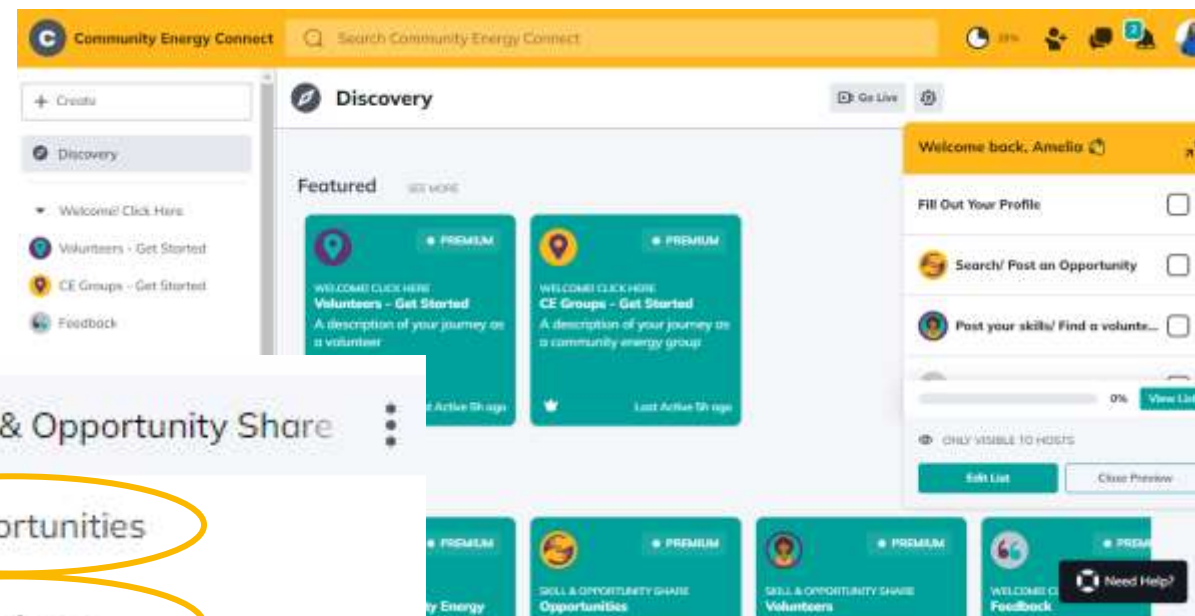
**This premium is used by Energy Garden to support the delivery of social and environment benefits** through its programme of activities including community engagement, schools education and youth training

# Key challenges facing Community Energy groups





Through 121s & focus groups, we found that volunteer recruitment and management was a key pain point for Community Energy Groups.



Find or post an opportunity

Search or find a volunteer

Upskill yourself with courses

Opportunities

Volunteers

Successful Connections

Courses

Intro to Community Energy



**Thank you!**

Any questions?

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