

# Building strong foundations

Good governance and why it matters



# Why governance?

- We need a larger range of well-functioning, transparent and future-proof organisations to rise to the scaling challenge.
- Enhances impact, and staff well-being.
- Builds trust with partners and funders, unlocking funding and new opportunities.
- Ensures that organisations are well-functioning, transparent and responsive to their local communities.



# What is governance?

- Governance covers all aspects of running a successful organisation – it's about developing a healthy foundation.
- Generally, refers to the systems and processes that ensure an organisation's overall direction, supervision, and accountability.
- 'Day-to-day' governance as well as 'technical' governance.



# Useful resources

- Co-operatives UK's Simply Governance guide
- NCVO's governance help and guidance for voluntary organisations
- Locality resources
- Community Energy London's 10-step governance guide
- Energy Learning Network events (there will be one on governance)
- Networks like Wessex Network helpful for learning from others.



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