

## Community Energy Conference

4 July 2024 – 10:30-15:30  
The Catalyst, Helix, Newcastle

### Agenda

**10:30 Registration**

**11:00 Conference starts: Introductory presentations**

- *George Middlemiss, local energy analyst, Regen*
- *Louise Lowes, director of customer service, Northern Powergrid*
- *Phillip Coventry, head of operations, Community Energy England*

**11:20 Main session 1: Choice of interactive sessions**

***Option 1: Panel session – Collaborative pathways to local decarbonisation***

- *Andy Dean, chief executive, Northumberland CAN,*
- *David Still, director, Humshaugh Net Zero*
- *Hannah Davison, senior climate change & sustainability manager, Northumberland County Council*

***Option 2: Workshop on raising finance, hosted by Ethex***

*Exploring best practices, key lessons from other organisations and how to engage with investors.*

**12:20 Local decarbonisation in action – presentations from local community organisations**

***Durham Community Energy Study***

*Leo Thomson, director, Durham Community Energy*

**12:40 Lunch and networking**

*Food and refreshments are provided.*

**13:20 Main session 2: Quickfire workshops**

*Participants rotate until they have attended all three workshops*

1. *Community DSO innovation project – Jane Watson, innovation engagement lead, Northern Powergrid*
2. *Community participation in developer-led renewable projects – Jess Hogan, energy analyst, Regen*
3. *Insights into the community energy sector – Phillip Coventry, head of operations, Community Energy England*

**14:30 Networking drinks and surgeries**

*Opportunity for attendees to network, speak to exhibitors and attend surgeries (Community DSO, Northern Powergrid Net Zero Community Energy Fund). Exhibitors include: Younity, Parity Projects and the Centre for Energy Equality.*

**15:30 Close**