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Community energy & Local Governments: Capacity building on financial models - zooming in on ESCOs

Local decision-makers, Council planners, local government associations / networks and energy agencies are invited to participate in this free workshop.

- How can a local government invest in community energy? Why?
- How do you set up and ESCO?
- What are the barriers and how can they be overcome?
- How does one access funding for local climate and energy action? What models work?

Where? London

When? 9 September 2015

What? 1 full day workshop, providing an insight into opportunities to plan, set up, and finance community energy

Who? Open to local decision-makers, local authority staff and representatives of local government associations / networks and energy agencies, community organizations

PROGRAMME:

VENUE: *tbc - London*

9 September 2015

Event moderator: *Giorgia Rambelli, ICLEI Europe*

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 9:30	Key note “Community power: opportunities and challenges of change in the UK” – <i>Fiona Booth, Head of Community Energy at Department of Energy and Climate Change (tbc)</i>
09:30 – 09:45	Introduction to GLA’s climate and energy strategy – <i>Greater London Authority (tbc)</i>
09:45 – 10:00	Community Energy and the ESCO model – <i>Chris Matthews, Pure Leapfrog (tbc)</i>
10:00 – 10:30	Question time and discussions Identify key issues to be explored and answered during the workshop
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break & mingling
11:00 – 13:00	Community power to drive circular economies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BRITE – setting up public ESCOs <i>Presentation by: Mareike Schmidt, City of Bristol (tbc)</i>• Urban Community Solar Scheme – the Edinburgh Community Solar Co-operative <i>Presentation by: Paul Phare, Energy 4 All (tbc)</i>• Setting up Local Renewables Supply Company <i>Presentation by: Dirkk Knappen, Ecopower (tbc)</i> Followed by panel discussion. Will join the panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Diane Smith, Town and Country Planning Association (tbc)</i>• <i>Co-op Energy (tbc)</i>• <i>Mareike Schmidt, City of Bristol (tbc)</i>• <i>Paul Phare, Energy 4 All (tbc)</i>• <i>Dirkk Knappen, Ecopower (tbc)</i>• <i>Josh Roberts, Client Earth</i>
13:00– 14:00	Networking lunch

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Roundtables – World Café

Participants, divided in smaller groups, explore key factors for replication of the examples and best practices presented, as well as discuss key issues, challenges and potential solutions (e.g. how plan and implement community energy, needs, barriers, etc).

Each round of discussion will last 20 minutes.

- **N.1 replication factors – zooming-in on selected case studies** – led by Anne Schiffer, Friends of the Earth Scotland
- **N.2 setting up an ESCO** – led by Josh Roberts, Client Earth
- **N.3 financing community energy – raising capital locally and use of tax reliefs** – led by Paul Monaghan, Sustainability Adviser, Co-operative Energy

15:30 – 16:00

Wrap-up & food for thoughts

Presentation by each group, wrap-up and discussion

Organisers:



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