

# STRATEGY 2018 - 2021

Empowering Communities, Improving Lives



## OUR VISION

Strong, well informed and capable communities across Scotland, able to take advantage of their renewable energy resources and address their energy issues in a way that builds a more localised, democratic and sustainable energy system.

## OUR MISSION

Strengthening and empowering local communities by helping them to own, control and benefit from their local renewable energy resources, control and reduce their energy costs, regenerate their communities and play their part in the low carbon transition. We aim to work in partnership with community groups and any others who share these aims and wish to build their understanding and capacity to create a more democratic energy system.

## OUR PRIORITIES - AND WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO ACHIEVE

### ① INCREASE COMMUNITY UNDERSTANDING OF AND INFLUENCE ON THE ENERGY SYSTEM

A network of community groups able to support their communities on energy developments and issues.

A systematic learning programme to build community capacity on 'smart energy' opportunities.

Strong partnerships with other organisations interested in supporting community energy development.

### ② INCREASING COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP, CONTROL AND BENEFIT

Consortiums of community groups taking forward innovative energy projects.

Policy alignment and shared action with other organisations promoting community control and ownership.

Strong links with community energy projects in other countries.

Practical demonstration of local energy economies.

### ③ CONTROL COMMUNITY ENERGY COSTS AND REDUCE FOSSIL FUEL USE

Establishment of fully participative local energy plans and ensuing actions.

Practical demonstration of substituting fossil fuel use with local renewable energy.

Practical demonstration of local energy supply arrangements which act to control or reduce energy costs.

Strong partnerships and alignment with fuel poverty alleviation groups.

### ④ MAKE CES SUSTAINABLE AND MORE EFFECTIVE

Effective use of CES income to lever new project funding and investment in community energy development.

Annual impact report on priorities, widely disseminated.

A culture of continual improvement in governance and staff capabilities.

A strong network of people who support CES.

CES a valued and influential consultee in the development of the energy system.

If you want to work with us to deliver any of these priorities, please get in touch with Gillian Wilson, Head of Development on 07717156414 or [gillian.wilson@communityenergyscotland.org.uk](mailto:gillian.wilson@communityenergyscotland.org.uk)

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