

Community Connects

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Powering our communities celebration event

Capture report of the Community Connects workshop held in Burnley on 26 September 2019

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Welcome to the capture report for our Community Connects *Powering our Communities celebration event*.

The purpose of this report is to capture and play back the discussions that took place at our event, which was held on 26 September at Burnley Boys and Girls club. We are grateful to all those who attended the event and value the discussions which took place, which will help shape our future plans.

Stakeholder engagement is really important to us and we are committed to responding to all of the issues raised and this report is part of the process.

We launched our Powering our Communities Fund in 2018 to help address a number of issues stakeholders told us they are facing. Most importantly, it was designed to address the issue of access to finance faced by some projects, but

also the criteria were designed for projects that address some of the other issues the sector is facing such as developing new business models and new ways of working.

The agenda gave each project the opportunity to talk to the group and tell us about their project. Each presentation sparked a good discussion about how the ideas could be used by other groups and in other areas. The workshop ended with a presentation about this year's fund Empowering our Communities.

This report plays back the discussion and themes from the day and responses to the issues raised.

The presentations and capture report from the event are available to download from our [website](#).

We hope you find this report useful and we welcome any feedback you may have – please send any comments to communityandlocalenergy@enwl.co.uk





5.30 Introduction and welcome, Helen Seagrave, Electricity North West and Graham Vernon, Burnley Boys and Girls club

Presentations from this year's Powering Our Communities Fund projects:

- Burnley Boys and Girls – Eco Warriors
- Carbon Coop - Warm Homes for All
- Kashmir Youth Project – Fuel Katao, Paisay Bachao (Cut fuel, save money)
- Burneside Community Energy – Community owned energy supply
- Oldham Community Power – Provisions of electronic displays for solar generation
- Alston Moor Community Energy – Energy Local Alston Moor

6.50 **Empowering our Communities Fund introduction**, Helen Seagrave, Community Energy Manager and Jill Hendry, Engagement and Partnership Lead, Electricity North West



What we discussed

The event was hosted at the Burnley Boys and Girls Club, one of the fund winners and Graham Vernon, centre manager introduced the club to the group.

We also heard details from all the other Powering our Communities projects and there were lots of questions as the groups wanted to learn from each other and see what could be repeated in their areas.

The new Empowering our Communities Fund was launched at the event.

What we heard

Burnley Boys and Girls Club has been important to the local community for over 100 years. Their Powering our Communities project helped reduce their energy bills and engage the local community – they have opened a community cafe and use it to offer energy advice.

We heard from all the projects, their activities and their next steps. All of the projects are making good progress and most of them are nearing completion. The ENWL funding has enabled them to move on to new projects or access further funding.

Delegates welcomed the new fund.

What we will do

You can find out more information about the Burnley Boys and Girls club project on our [website](#) and we will continue to share the learning from this project in partnership with the club.

We will continue to support the projects to deliver their outputs and share their learning. As part of that, case studies of the projects can be viewed on our [website](#). We will continue to develop ways to disseminate the information and if you have any suggestions please get in touch.

Details of the Empowering our Communities Fund are on our [website](#).

The deadline for submissions is 8 November 2019.



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