



Derbyshire Dales Community Energy

We are recruiting Board and Volunteer members!

Derbyshire Dales Community Energy Ltd. (DDCE) is looking for enthusiastic directors and volunteers to help manage our activities and increase our impact. We're open to applicants from all backgrounds – read on to find out more about us and the kind of people and skills that we are looking for.

About DDCE

We are an award-winning community energy organisation based in Matlock in the Derbyshire Dales. Our vision is to harness the potential of our communities to power a sustainable future through developing low carbon, renewable, community energy projects that benefit both people and planet.

DDCE was formed in 2021 by a small but dedicated team of volunteers. We knew there was appetite for local action on climate change, so we explored what community energy could offer and summarised our findings in a report, '[Stepping Stones to Community Energy](#)'. We received funding to conduct feasibility studies on several buildings in Matlock, and in June 2024 we completed our first installation of solar PV panels on Twiggs Stores! They are already benefiting from reduced energy bills and a reduced carbon footprint, and any profit is reinvested into further solar projects. We have at least 4 other sites lined up for installation, and we are also running projects to explore sustainable energy use at Bakewell Golf Club and solar car parks across the District.

In addition to these projects, DDCE coordinates the Derbyshire Community Energy Hub, where we support the 19 community energy groups in the county with knowledge-sharing, events and collaborative projects. In 2023, we received Community Energy England's [Small-Medium Organisation of the Year award](#) in recognition of our work.

We are a small organisation with big ambitions. We aim to decarbonise our region, to support local businesses, community buildings and councils to reduce their energy bills and keep their doors open, and to help people feel inspired and empowered to take action on climate change.

- ➔ Visit our website: <https://derbyshiredalesenergy.org.uk/>
- ➔ Read an article about our first installation: <https://www.derbyshiretimes.co.uk/community/a-clean-energy-revolution-in-the-derbyshire-dales-4692088>

We're a Community Benefit Society regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. You can find our FCA profile here: <https://mutuals.fca.org.uk/Search/Society/31098>.



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Who we are looking for

We're seeking additional board members and volunteers to help run our projects and increase our impact.

If you're interested in community energy, want to tackle climate change, and have a few hours to spare each month, we would love to hear from you!

We particularly need people with the following skills:

- communications, marketing, social media, digital
- solar design skills
- fundraising
- education & community engagement
- writing (e.g. articles, press releases)
- relationship-building with strategic/influential individuals & organisations
- managerial skills

We are also seeking one director who is willing to take on the duties of Treasurer.

What's the difference between a director and a volunteer?

Both roles are proactive – we need directors and volunteers who are willing to help deliver projects. The main difference is that directors also attend quarterly board meetings, where we determine the strategic direction of the organisation.

Please let us know in your application which you would like to be!

We will support all new directors and volunteers with a warm welcome and an induction into the workings of DDCE. You'll meet our 5 existing board members and our 1 paid staff member. If you're keen to get involved but are a bit less experienced, our friendly Board member, Elspeth, will be happy to mentor you.

For much of our work, it's helpful if our directors and volunteers live in the local area. However, we are open to 'remote' positions for some relevant skillsets. The majority of Board meetings are held on Zoom, and we're keen to work with great people, wherever they live!

We welcome first-time board members. Please visit this link to read more about what's involved: <https://www.gettingonboard.org/how-to-become-a-charity-trustee>.



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How to apply

Please send us your CV and a short cover letter (500 words max.) explaining why you want to join DDCE and what skills and experiences you would bring to your role. Remember to include whether you'd prefer a volunteer or director role. Please email these documents to Lucy at derbyshiredalescommunityenergy@gmail.com.

We will then invite a shortlist of individuals to interview. Interviews will typically take place on Zoom. Please let us know if you have any accessibility needs regarding the application or interview process.

If you have any questions or would like an informal chat prior to applying, please call Lucy on 07814 582863 or email derbyshiredalescommunityenergy@gmail.com.

Thank you!