

Job Title: Community Energy Project Manager

Company: Energy4All www.energy4all.co.uk

Salary: £30-35k depending on experience and location

Energy4All (E4A) is looking for a full-time project manager in England, to be involved in the development of multiple renewable energy projects and co-ordinating their delivery

Job Description

Reporting to the Development Manager you will support the development of community energy co-operatives, typically by the management of feasibility, permitting, contracting, funding (by share issues to the public, grants and loans), construction, and handover of new sites for solar PV arrays (mainly rooftop) and other community owned projects.

Key Responsibilities

The identification, assessment and development of potential renewable energy/carbon reduction projects suitable for community ownership, requiring technical skills and an ability to assimilate and report on complex issues clearly. The opportunities may be initiated by the community, developer, an individual social entrepreneur or the candidate/E4A.

- A project manager, involved in the development and potentially the construction and commissioning of multiple projects. Outside expertise is employed as needed, but E4A staff are expected to be key elements in co-ordinating delivery. This role requires project management skills and experience.
- To 'sell' the concept of community energy to communities, local authorities, businesses and other project stakeholders
- Helping to form and/or working in support of boards of co-operative directors
- Support delivery of export meters, sale of exported electricity and registration of REGOs.
- The championing of public share offers to raise development capital. E4A has a strong track record in this area but the candidate has a key role to play in supporting the co-operative and driving the process and supporting local promotion of the share offer. Business skills and enthusiasm are the ideal requirements here while experience in marketing would be an advantage.
- E4A has a role in supporting and influencing the development of community renewables in the UK. You may be required to attend various groups, and strategy

meetings in Britain or Europe to present the experience of E4A and help to influence Government policy.

Location

Based in England with good transport access to Bristol

You will be required to travel to sites. The ideal candidate will have a UK driving license and vehicle, although this is not essential, and you are encouraged to use public transport where available (all travel expenses will be paid).

Ethos

Officer must be committed to the ethos of E4A (tackling climate change, just transition, fair business, community and co-operative values).

Skills/attributes required

You must be well organised; be able to manage competing demands and prioritise; have perseverance; be numerate (sufficient to understand and work with financial models) and literate (to write proposals); presentable and good at working with people. Prior experience in solar PV project delivery is desirable, project management experience or an evident aptitude is essential. Candidates must show an understanding of project delivery, the technology and project delivery process. Experience of using project management tools and MS Teams is also desirable.

Working Expectations

Due to the nature of working with volunteers, you will occasionally be required to work outside of normal working hours, so flexibility is important.

There will be an option of a co-working space and you may also work from home. You'll be part of a team, but you should be okay with working autonomously

The Company

Energy4All ('E4A') is the UK's leading social enterprise in the delivery of community owned renewable energy schemes. Its mission is to deliver more community owned renewable energy in the UK. It is a non-profit-distributing social enterprise, applying its surplus to this mission. The co-operatives it creates are its shareholders, in order to ensure its social enterprise ethos - a "co-operative of co-operatives". It combines robust business principles with the ethics of a co-operative, democratically run business.

Founded in 2002, E4A has successfully delivered over 36 operating community energy co-operatives, with more under development. E4A also acts as the manager of each of these co-operatives and is funded by management fees and by fees charged on the successful development of new projects. E4A's office is in Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, where our finance and admin office staff are based. Its other remote staff focus on development work, management of the generating sites and engagement with the co-operatives. They are regionally based.

E4A has pioneered a series of business models to facilitate community ownership across a range of technologies: wind, solar, hydro, local biomass-fuelled district heating, battery storage and LED lighting. Ownership of these schemes includes 100% community ownership where the development, financing and operation of the project is undertaken by a co-operative or community benefit society, and shared-ownership arrangements where the community works in partnership with a commercial developer.

E4A believes that community ownership requires the participation of the local community to help deliver projects and distribute community benefit, with financing also coming from non-local members who support the objectives of the community and wish to help deliver a democratically owned energy system in a just transition to a net-zero carbon economy.

In England, E4A works with many operating co-operatives, most of which are actively seeking to grow. In addition, new project leads will be developed as they arise. We are seeking to appoint a Project Manager responsible for the management and development of this portfolio, supporting members of the local community. These co-operatives include: Westmill Wind & Solar Co-operatives in Oxfordshire, Schools' Energy Co-operative (solar pv installations on 100+ schools throughout the region, with more under development); Wey Valley Solar Schools (solar pv installations on 10 schools and 1 church and LED installations on 2 schools mainly in West Surrey); Marks and Spencer Energy Society (solar pv on 8 stores); Repower Balcombe (solar pv on 6 sites, LEDs at 2 sites and battery storage at 1); Reading Community Energy (solar pv on 22 sites) which is being developed with the active support of Reading Borough Council; Energise South (solar pv on 8 sites and an active supporter of the local fuel poverty alleviation group) and Springbok Sustainable Wood Heat (a unique community owned, local biomass fuelled district heating system in an off-gas grid hamlet, which also sources and chips its own wood and has built appropriate facilities).