

Settle Energy Local Club

Facilitator job description

1. What is an Energy Local Club?

An Energy Local Club (ELC) is formed when local householders, businesses and institutions form themselves into a co-op, with the energy consumers and generators as members. The Club agrees a "Match Tariff" which is the rate paid by consumers to generators for energy that is consumed within the Club at the same time as it is generated. Everyone in the Club must switch to the same supplier. The supplier provides all the billing and licensed responsibilities. All members have half-hourly metering through smart meters. Each half hour, power that is produced by generators in the Club is shared out to those members using power. By agreeing an internal price structure for power used locally, generators can realize a better price than that offered by the Smart Export Guarantee or Power Purchase Agreement, and demand customers receive power at a the Match Tariff, which is lower than the standard tariff charged by the supplier. Find out more about Energy Local at www.energylocal.org.uk

2. The role of Facilitator

During the setting up of the ELC, the Facilitator will be involved in developing and publicising the Club, recruiting new members, and supporting members through the application and supplier switching process. They will be given two days of initial training by Energy Local where they will learn about the processes of setting up an ELC and will receive access to all of the systems and resources they need. The Facilitator will be supported in creating an engagement plan and supporting community members to apply to and join the ELC.

3. The Facilitator will be provided with the following:

- Toolkit – A range of materials which can be used by the Club to explain the Energy Local model, raise awareness in their community and market the opportunity when it is available.
- Web Portal – this provides one place where groups can record expressions of interest. It will also hold key information linked to the Club which is required by partners such as the Energy Supply Company ESCO. It will ensure that members do not have to duplicate information and will ease the switch to the ELC's nominated supplier.

4. Who will make a good Facilitator?

The role would suit any person with good communication skills and a passion for promoting the transition from a central energy system to one based on locally generated green energy, to work with Action for Climate Emergency (ACE), Settle and area.

We are setting up an Energy Local Club with the aim of maximizing the district's potential for generation of electricity from local renewable sources, and at the same time reducing energy consumption in the home, businesses, shops and community buildings. We are working with local District Network Operators DNO's to encourage load shifting, or leveling up, to avoid waste of energy during periods of low demand and high generation.

This could be an ideal opportunity for recently qualified professionals with a technical qualification to gain experience of the fundamentals of the transition to a low carbon economy, and to work with local stakeholders as well as the operators of our energy distribution system. It will provide a valuable insight into energy system management as well as the complexities involved in making the transition to a net zero carbon energy system.

Alternatively it could provide a uniquely satisfying challenge to a recently retired professional with an engineering background to use their experience to make a significant contribution to supporting the energy transition of Settle and area from a centralized energy system to a highly efficient low carbon system making use of locally available resources.

The role will be part-time. Basic training will be given on how to support the formation of the ELC and advise new members on the steps that need to be taken to become full participating members.

The Facilitator will be part of a team including directors and volunteer members and will play a key part in bringing about the energy transition of Settle and surrounding areas.

5. What about costs and length of service?

The role will be paid on a freelance basis (rate of pay to be discussed on appointment) and will last until the club is fully established, anticipated to take 20-25 days over 4-6 months, although you will be welcome to continue as a voluntary member and part of the operating team. Start tbc.

Training and the Toolkit will be paid for by the ELC.