



Greater Manchester Community Renewables

What is it?

Greater Manchester Community Renewables (GMCR) develops and operates renewable energy projects across Greater Manchester. They raised £186,000 via a community share offer in summer 2016, which funded the installation of solar panels on three primary schools in Salford - Primrose Hill, Irlam Primary and Fiddlers Lane - and The Fuse, a community centre in Partington. They're currently seeking schools to partner with on a further round of solar installations scheduled for summer 2018.

What are its clean credentials?

Carbon savings

Their four solar arrays generated over 100 MWh of electricity in the first year of operation, saving 40 tonnes of CO₂.

Education

GMCR supports the schools that participate in the project by using the solar panels to engage with pupils about energy and climate change. They hope this learning will find its way back to parents too!

Grant funding

GMCR profits will be used to fund carbon reduction, energy efficiency and environmental education projects in the communities near their solar sites.

What makes it special?

Volunteer-led

The project has been set up and run by a group of volunteers who wanted to take local action on climate change. Now they've done it once, they're keen to do more!

Community-owned

GMCR puts power in the hands of ordinary members of the public, giving them a much stronger connection to the energy they use in their homes.

Supporting others

As well as saving schools money and inspiring children, they're also helping other community groups wanting to develop their own energy projects.

How can I find out more?

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