



# GM #CLEANSPIRATION

SHOWCASING CLEAN ENERGY LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION  
IN GREATER MANCHESTER

## The Community Energy Apprenticeship

### What is it?

Oldham Council are leading a national group of organisations working together to develop a 'community energy specialist' apprentice standard. When approved, this will be a national standard that outlines the knowledge, skills, and behaviours that are required for anyone undertaking an apprenticeship in the community energy sector.

### What are its clean credentials?

Community energy projects install renewable electricity generation equipment and energy efficiency measures using money invested by local people.

The new apprenticeship will enable anyone interested in community energy to take part in a programme of employment and training specifically designed to ready them for a career in the sector. This will in turn help boost capacity, helping community-owned initiatives make an ever greater contribution to the UK's energy needs.

### What makes it special?

#### Collaboration

The apprentice standard is being developed by a national team of organisations engaged in the community energy sector, including Community Energy England, EON Energy and a number of

other councils. This collaboration ensures that the apprenticeship will provide the knowledge, skills, and behaviours required by the sector.

#### Innovation

There has never before been an apprenticeship specifically geared towards the skills needed to develop successful community energy schemes. The new standard will offer an entirely new pathway for those wishing to start a career in the energy industry, providing a real alternative to university or volunteering and cementing the community sector as a viable career choice.

#### How can I find out more?

**Visit:** [www.gov.uk/government/publications/apprenticeship-standard-community-energy-specialist](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apprenticeship-standard-community-energy-specialist)

**Email:** [james.robinson@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:james.robinson@oldham.gov.uk)

#### About this series

The GM Cleanspiration series is produced for the GMCA by the Greater Manchester Big Clean Switch campaign, which helps residents save money by switching to clean electricity. To find out more, or to compare clean energy prices for your home, visit [www.bigcleanswitch.org/gm](http://www.bigcleanswitch.org/gm).



**GMCA** GREATER  
MANCHESTER  
COMBINED  
AUTHORITY