



## NORTH KENSINGTON COMMUNITY ENERGY

### Community champion

**Contract:** Part-time, PAYE 1-year fixed term contract with possibility to extend subject to funding, 2 days/week. Probation period of 3 months.

**Salary:** £25,000 pro-rata

**Location:** Working from home, with options to work at Repowering's office in Brixton. Support will be provided for remote/home working if you need it.

### About the role

This is an exciting opportunity for a Kensington & Chelsea resident who cares about tackling climate change locally and leading their borough towards being a more inclusive, sustainable and thriving community.

As a Community Champion, you will grow and develop North Kensington Community Energy (NKCE) into a lively and vibrant co-op and build connections with a wide range of diverse local groups. You will inspire, encourage and engage residents, communities and partners to take climate action in their local area.

We are looking for someone who lives in the borough, with a strong network of local contacts, and an interest in climate issues and community organising.

You will be employed, trained and mentored by Repowering London.

### About NKCE

NKCE is the first and only community energy co-op in Kensington & Chelsea. Its aim is to lead the borough towards a more inclusive, just and sustainable future by installing community-owned solar panels. Created in 2018, it has already raised £170,000 from the local community to install more than 200 kW of solar panels on two schools, a community centre, and a sports centre. NKCE has a team of 5 Directors, 12 volunteers and more than 200 members.

NKCE, which is supported by Repowering London and Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Council, is a social enterprise co-creating and facilitating community energy projects.

Repowering supports 6 other community energy co-ops across London. We have received funding from the National Lottery's Climate Action Fund to develop our community energy projects and recruit community champions in Kensington & Chelsea, Lambeth, and City of London.

## Job description

### Grow and develop NKCE into a lively and vibrant co-op

- Identify and recruit volunteers and members
- Shape the direction of the co-op so that it reflects the aspirations of the local community
- Attend meetings with the co-op directors and interact regularly with volunteers
- Co-create and run with volunteers, community events, campaigns, and activities
- Identify sites to install solar panels and reach out to site owners

### Build local connections

- Reach out to a wide range of actors in the community: associations, faith-based groups, environmental organisations, voluntary organisations, charities, youth or elderly clubs, community hubs, local businesses etc...
- Attend regular events, meetings, meet-ups, and activities with these actors to raise awareness of community energy and how it links with local movements
- Establish durable relationships with local climate organisations
- Refer local residents who are vulnerable or at risk to local services.
- Encourage and engage the community to get involved and take climate action in their local area,
- Support the RBKC Climate Change team to promote the Climate Emergency delivery and action plan.
- Identify opportunities for local climate change projects and initiatives that have co-benefits for the community.

## Person specification

Repowering London will provide training and mentorship to enable anyone with the right learning and passion to develop on-the-job. Additional support and access to will be provided by the RBKC Climate Change Team.

### Essential

- Living in Kensington & Chelsea
- Strong network of local contacts and knowledge of the area
- Interest in climate issues and community organising

### We would welcome somebody who...

- Has experience working/volunteering in or with community groups
- Can work independently and remotely in an unstructured environment
- Is empathetic, outgoing, and open-minded

- Has the ability to build and nurture relationships
- Has good verbal communication skills and is comfortable with speaking in public
- Uses initiative to achieve targets
- Enjoys inspiring and encouraging people
- Is keen to learn from regular, constructive feedback

## Position details

You will be employed by Repowering London as the NKCE Community Champion.

You must have the right to work in the UK.

**Location:** Working from home, with options to work at Repowering's office in Brixton. Support will be provided for remote/home working if you need it.

**Contract:** Part-time, PAYE 1-year contract, 2 days/week. Probation period of 3 months.

**Duration:** 1 year starting from May/June 2021

**Hours:** Flexible working hours, evening/weekend work will be sometimes required.

**Line manager:** the role will report to Eva Goudouneix and attending regular meetings with Repowering.

## To apply

Please email us your CV and cover letter to [info@repowering.org.uk](mailto:info@repowering.org.uk). The deadline to apply is **26th April 2021**.

In your cover letter, please address the following questions:

- What experience and skills can you bring to the Community champion role?
- How would you go about helping NKCE build new connections with organisations and communities in the borough?

If you have any questions about the role, don't hesitate to email us!

*Repowering London is an equal opportunities employer. We welcome applicants from diverse communities and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees.*

*This role is jointly funded by the National Lottery Climate Action Fund and the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Climate Change Team.*

