



## North Kensington Community Energy Director Appointments 2021

This year, our director Afsheen Rashid is standing down to leave the space for our volunteers Francesca Spoerry and Mark Thomlinson, who are both standing up as directors. Our director Dave Fuller is standing down as part of the rotation cycle and standing up again for directorship.

### Voting

Members attending the AGM will be able to vote for directors at the meeting. Members unable to attend the AGM in person may vote using the Coenergy platform until the 28<sup>th</sup> of June midnight.

Please note this is not a competitive ballot. Members are asked to vote for or against candidates or may abstain from voting for a candidate.

### Candidate profiles

#### Mark Thomlinson



Hello! I'm Mark Thomlinson. I've been an active voice in volunteer meetings since November and helped organise the Celebration Event in Spring, after the successful fundraiser for solar panels on the Westway Sports Centre. I've become more and more involved because with the help of a lively volunteer group we are really building something special. In community energy, I see the chance to build the world we believe in: we are keeping ownership local, putting profits back into the community, and doing something tangible to tackle the climate crisis.

As a Director, I'd hope to bring my enthusiasm to help NKCE grow, in membership and in kilowatts on our rooftops. Local people, local power. From 2014-19 I was working in war zones with the Red Cross, building relations with community leaders, religious figures and government officials so that local people would understand why we were there and how we could help. That's something I'd like to bring to NKCE: I would love for NKCE to be a trusted and enthusiastically supported part of our patch of West London, and with a membership that reflects the diversity of North Ken, because I think successful climate action has to be engaging and inclusive. So increasing local membership would be a priority goal for me.

I work in the Dept for Transport on London issues. I recently finished a Masters in Sustainable Urbanism, and live in W2, 3 minutes' cycle from the Tabernacle.

## Francesca Spoerry



It's been fantastic to volunteer with NKCE over the last six months.

I have found it energising getting to know the other volunteers. I've enjoyed representing NKCE at various events, leafleting in the local area and contributing to the regular volunteer meetings discussions, contributing to discussions on various topics from building the pipeline to engaging our MP, Felicity Buchan. Mostly, however, I believe deeply in the work of the organisation - the focus on both people and planet, the community and the climate. I believe that NKCE delivers a credible, scalable solution to many of our most pressing problems, and I'd like to have a greater role in delivering these solutions.

Over the next year, I would like to contribute to the growth of the NKCE's volunteer group and membership body, especially with North Kensington residents. I commit to working to raise NKCE's public profile in the local area, with the aim of developing several new sites.

Outside of my work for NKCE I work in a UK charity (The Global Steering Group for Impact Investment) that advocates for the use of impact investment, and I have been a North Kensington resident for four years.

## Dave Fuller



I am Repowering London's Programme Manager and one of the founder members of North Kensington Community Energy. As programme manager I oversaw the NKCE share offers and have developed educational workshops on renewable energy, as well as finding new sites to house our solar panels. I am strong advocate for the transformative power of renewables and believer in the power of communities to solve the problems on their doorsteps, and I have been championing NKCE since its inception as a vehicle to create change and model what can be done when groups of people are given resources to work together.