



LAMBETH COMMUNITY SOLAR

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 Lambeth resident who cares about tackling climate change locally and leading their borough towards a more inclusive and sustainable future.

As a Community Champion, you will grow and develop Lambeth Community Solar (LCS) into a lively and vibrant co-op and build connections with a wide range of local groups.

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 LCS

LCS is the first borough-wide community energy co-operative in Lambeth. Its aim is to lead the borough towards a more inclusive and sustainable future by installing community-owned solar panels. Created in 2018, it has already raised £137,000 from the local community to install 145 kW of solar panels on two schools. LCS has a team of 4 Directors, 10 volunteers and 170 investor members.

LCS is supported by Repowering London, 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 Lambeth, Kensington & Chelsea, and City of London.

Job description

Grow and develop LCS 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, 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 Repowering's Community Support Services

Person specification

Repowering will provide training and mentorship to enable anyone with the right learning and passion to develop on-the-job.

Essential

- Living in Lambeth
- 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 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 LCS 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 January 2022.

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

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

To apply

Please email us your CV and cover letter to info@repowering.org.uk. The deadline to apply is **12th December 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 LCS 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 part-funded by the National Lottery Climate Action Fund.

