

# Becoming a co-operative Board member



## Repowering London creates local energy in London.

Each co-op is run by volunteers, including a Board of Directors that sets its strategic direction.

We are always looking for more people to get involved.

Could this be you?

We hope this short FAQ will help you decide

We support eight community energy co-operatives across the city that bring tangible benefits to local people and are led by them. Voluntary Board members are crucial part of the equation.

### Why become a Board member?

- It is a great way to [connect with new networks](#) and meet like-minded people working to improve your local area
- You will [become a part of the Repowering London](#) family and be able to join us for wider events, take part in technology innovation trials, and even public speaking opportunities
- You will [learn new skills](#)
- Build a deeper [understanding](#) of community energy, community organising, and climate action in London
- Get free [training](#) from Repowering London and external partner organisations, such as National Energy Action and Co-operatives UK
- Join upskilling [workshops](#) on topics such as: co-op financial accounts, community share offers, and co-op governance
- You'll gain experience that can add to your [employability](#)
- Get one-to-one [mentoring and support](#) from the Repowering London teams
- [Shape the role](#) based on your own interests – whether that is arranging events, public speaking, fundraising, financial modelling, or something else
- Get career guidance and a reference letter to [boost your CV](#), or help kick-start a career in the climate sector.

## What does the role involve?

As a Board member, you will help develop the co-op and make sure it runs smoothly – but we'll give you the training and mentoring you need to do this. For instance, you will:

- Organise and hold your co-op's Annual General Meeting with support from other Board members and Repowering London
- Organise and attend three Board meetings facilitated by Repowering London, to oversee the co-op's performance and operations and set its strategic direction
- Coordinate events and meetings
- Set agendas and take minutes
- Review financial accounts and monitor the co-op's operations with the help of Repowering London
- Encourage members to participate in the co-op and act as an ambassador for the project in your community.

## Who can be a Board member?

We are looking for individuals living local to our community energy co-operatives. You do not need to have any knowledge or experience in the energy sector – on the contrary, we want this role to bring you new skills! You might have a good knowledge of your local area, be a great party organiser, enjoy speaking in public or be a green energy enthusiast. We welcome applications from everyone.

## How much time will I have to give?

Just 4 hours per month on average, and you need to stay in post for at least 1 year.

## How do I get started?

Get in touch for an informal chat! We can offer a conversation with a current Board member about their experiences and with a Repowering London staff member about how we could support you into this role.

We want this role to be as accessible as possible, so if you need any arrangements to make this work for you, we would be very happy to talk about how we can support you best.

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