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Afsheen Kabir Rashid MBE, CEO & Co-founder

Afsheen is a Community Energy pioneer, advocate and influencer. For more than 15 years she has worked with London's communities and local authorities. She has also contributed at the national level as a Senior Policy Advisor at the Department of Energy and Climate Change (now BEIS). As well as leading Repowering London, Afsheen is Chair of Community Energy England and of Brixton Energy Solar Co-operatives. The impact of her work was recognised in 2016, when she received an MBE for delivering renewable energy to deprived London communities.

What repowers Afsheen: a good yoga session



Felix Wight, Technical Director & Interim CEO

Felix pushes forward Repowering London's technical development and keeps innovation at the front of our thinking. Previously head of development at Community Energy Scotland, he has overseen the installation of more than 20MW of community-owned generation capacity during his career. Felix believes the energy system of the future is decentralised, resilient, renewable and democratic, and is bringing that future into focus through his work.

What repowers Felix: a day's sailing



Dave Fuller, Community Solar Director

Dave's role brings together our solar development, Community Benefit Society management and education work to deliver positive outcomes and model the Just Transition in London. An experienced community activist, Dave has cooked for over 100 people at a fracking site in Lancashire, taken part in the climate demonstrations at COP21 and supported refugees and migrants in Greece. Dave's professional background spans the worlds of education, music, art and performance. He uses this range of experience to show how the Community Energy sector is the perfect vehicle to ensure that, if done well, our journey to a low-carbon future can benefit everyone.

What repowers Dave: sunny afternoons and a good dancefloor



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Omar Al-Amin, Low Carbon Development Manager

Omar supports our mission to empower London's communities to play an active part in the transition to a low-carbon society. Working with our partners, he helps the team to develop retrofit solutions and services that reduce energy demand and increase energy efficiency. He brings a decade of experience of supporting and building social and community businesses in the UK and also in the Arab world. Omar enjoys working with and alongside passionate and talented social innovators who are demonstrating the possibilities for a more equitable future.

What repowers Omar: a game of 5-a-side football or 40 minutes on the squash court



Rachel Brain, Social Impact & South Area Manager

Rachel helps the team to document and share the impact of Repowering London's work with our members and partners. She is excited to be advocating for the role of collective ownership models in creating climate solutions. Rachel has a background in community-led housing and a range of experience with community engagement, affordable housing development, and co-operative governance. She has an academic background in sustainable urbanism.

What Repowers Rachel: bike rides and optimistic colleagues



Kiera Coward Deyell, Low Carbon Asset Manager

Kiera helps to make sure all of the equipment managed by Repowering London is installed, operated and maintained effectively. From co-ops and innovation projects to potential sites in our rooftop solar and low-carbon pipelines, Kiera works across teams, with contractors, building managers and local people to ensure that everyone we work with can continue to use and benefit from accessible low-carbon energy.

What repowers Kiera: sorrel & ginger



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Henrietta (Etta) Dale, Solar Development Manager

Etta is the propulsive energy behind the first stage of our solar projects. She works with our co-ops, building managers, London councils, and other project partners to find new solar-compatible sites and uses her decade of NGO project-management experience to turn ideas into reality. Her love for solar energy doesn't end with her work day. She is a Director of North Kensington Community Energy (NKCE) and writing her Masters dissertation about how solar PV equipment can be given a second life.

What repowers Etta: talking bio-based building materials over pizza and wine



Julia (Jules) Dunlop, Education and Training Manager

Jules was an English Language GCSE teacher for 12 years, working predominately with students with Special Educational Needs, and is a firm believer in young people's innate potential. She is delighted to be part of our education and training team, where she can organise programmes that share knowledge and opportunities for the youth of today and assist them in the necessary mission of building a sustainable future.

What repowers Jules: swimming in the sea and a glass of red wine – preferably Rioja



Éva Goudouneix, Community Development Manager

Éva works with the community engagement team to involve local communities in Repowering London's rooftop solar and innovation projects. She supports the growth and development of our community energy co-operatives, together with their volunteers and directors. She brings to Repowering London her experience of frontline work with a renewable energy supplier and her passion for grassroots and co-operative solutions to climate justice.

What repowers Éva: parties and protests!



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Patricia Calixto Pires, Senior Project Officer – Community and Corporate Support

Patricia can be found either around London engaging with the local communities and delivering workshops, or in the office keeping things organised and supporting the team. As part of the community engagement team, Patricia talks to the public about community energy, gives energy advice to vulnerable communities and plans captivating events to build strong community ties across London.

What repowers Patricia: a 2,000m-high mountain hike, preferably with food waiting at the top



Sharmin Chowdhury, Finance Officer

Sharmin helps the Repowering London team with the day-to-day but essential finance tasks that keep the organisation running smoothly. She gained a degree in computing at University of Greenwich before following an interest in finance and becoming AAT qualified. Sharmin is also Finance Officer for the Royal Docks Learning & Activity Centre, which aims to make its area a stronger, healthier and happier place in which to live.

What repowers Sharmin: A good night's sleep and a bunch of fresh flowers



Caitlin Mackesy Davies, Communications Manager

Caitlin helps the rest of the team share what they do and how they help London's local communities using words and images. She brings to Repowering London a commitment to hands-on climate campaigning, community organising, and more than three decades of communications experience. She hates finding mistakes in a 'final' draft. She loves to talk to people who are thinking big, changing the world and building our low-carbon future – and tell their stories to the world.

What repowers Caitlin: A strong Belgian tripel



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Ewure Esi Ansa-Otu, Community Lead – Lambeth Solar Power

What Ewure Esi finds most interesting about her job is telling individuals and communities how renewable energy provides a way forward in solving the energy crisis. From attending training sessions, seminars and community events, she has become aware of how small actions from individuals and groups are transforming global ideas on how to fight climate change.

What repowers Ewure Esi: Irish Cream on the rocks



Manuel Cameron, Community Lead – Aldgate Solar Power

Manuel believes that making the fundamental changes that bring a more environmentally and socially sustainable world are possible when more people get involved in and see the benefits of it. He is enjoying helping Aldgate Solar Power grow, and inspiring more people, organisations, and the local community to take part in the decarbonisation of the City of London. He loves meeting people who are tireless drivers of change, and who keep smiling even in difficult times.

What repowers Manuel: walking, cooking, music and a view of the Andes covered in snow



Nasri Ismael, Community Lead – North Kensington Community Energy

Nasri is building connections with a wide range of local groups to develop NKCE into a lively and vibrant co-op. She inspires and engages residents and communities to take climate action in their local area. Nasri is an experienced community organiser and consultant, and brings to the co-op her strong network of local contacts and knowledge of the community.

What Repowers Nasri: A nice cup of Chai with a hint of cardamom