



FACT SHEET | COSHARES

MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF COMMUNITY SHARE OFFERS

Repowering London is one of the UK's most experienced community energy development organisations, so we understand the challenges that come with running a community share offer. That's why, in partnership with Shareenergy, we've developed a new resource that can make the process simpler.

Created for co-ops

We've created a publicly funded, open-source software suite designed to simplify and scale share offers for solar co-ops. It addresses the high administration costs, technical barriers, and unsuitable IT systems that slow down community energy groups – helping them keep their focus on tackling the climate and energy crises. The suite includes a front end, member investment portal and a back end administration tool for managing share registers (an extension of CiviCRM).

CoShares: benefits in brief



Can reduce share offer administration costs by automating routine tasks



Open-source and adaptable – the tools are free to use and can be customised to meet your co-op's needs



Offers an easy-to-use portal for share offer investors, letting them view their activity and personal details

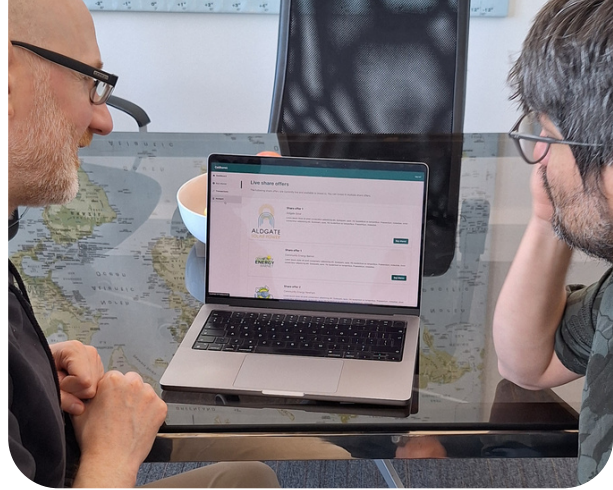


Is GDPR compliant, securely managing personal and financial data and putting an end to human error

The partners behind the products

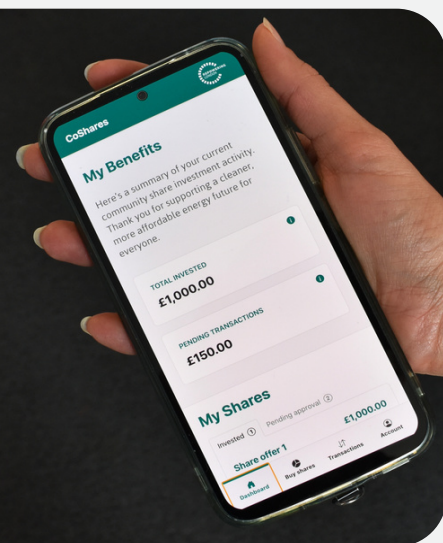
CoShares has been co-designed by Repowering London and Sharenergy with the support of Low Carbon Hub and Third Sector Design.

In 2022, Sharenergy asked Third Sector Design to help improve a share-holding management system it had created in-house, based on the membership component of CiviCRM (free customer relationship management software created for the non-profit sector).



The member portal portion is based on a previous project developed at Repowering London. By providing a user-friendly, up to date investment portal, it ensures investors feel that their money is in safe hands, over a 15-to-20-year community share investment period.

About our share management product suite - what it delivers



Share register management

- Manages members' **financial history, bank details, share certificates** and more
- Automatically **calculates interest** and capital repayments
- Can integrate with other CiviCRM features, such as **marketing campaigns** and reporting

Member-facing investment platform

- Members can **invest** in live share offers and **update** personal details
- Members can **view** all their current **share holdings**, past transactions and capital repaid
- Used by Repowering London to administer two **successful co-op share offers** in 2025

Working for our sector

The goal of the project partners is to ensure that communities currently underserved by the energy system can access the benefits of affordable, clean, community-owned power. CoShares directly supports this by reducing the resources needed to administer community energy share offers and lowering costs. This frees up funds that co-ops can use to give direct benefits back to communities.



Does CoShares sound useful for your community energy organisation? To find out more and be kept up to date with its development, email mike.hayden@repowering.org.uk