



Newsletter of the Wadebridge Renewable Energy Network

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from all at WREN*

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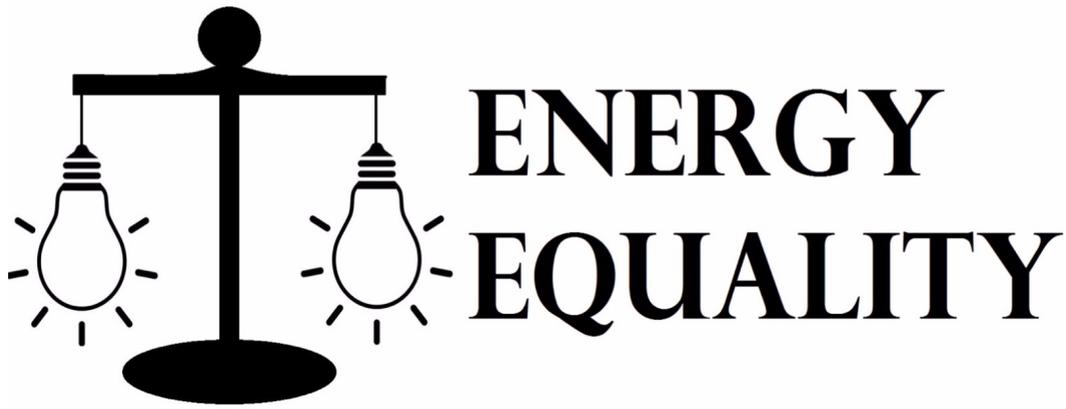
Energy Equality Project Funded

We start the new year with great news. WREN has been granted funding by RCEF, the Rural Community Energy Fund, for an exciting new project. We mentioned it in our last newsletter and are delighted that the funding came through.

The funding is for a feasibility study into establishing new solar PV installations linked to peer-to-peer trading - a new concept in community energy. For more details, go to our [web page](#).

Peer to peer trading is an exciting new way for renewable electricity to be bought and sold across a community, from neighbours with solar panels to neighbours without them, delivering real social and economic benefits.

And look out for a public event in March, featuring Watts the Deal, the peer-to-peer energy trading game.



Job Opportunity

If the idea of the Energy Equality project excites you, here is an opportunity to get involved.

WREN is looking for a **Community Engagement Officer**. This will be a 3-month contract, working flexibly for 17.5 hours/week from Feb 2020.

If you'd like this to be you, get in touch with us. The job description and further details, including how to apply, can be found on our [website](#).

St Breock Community Fund

The St Breock Wind Farm community fund is still open for grant applications, until Friday 14th February 2020. £56,000 is available to community and voluntary groups. For full details, click [here](#).

New Board Member

Marcus Shirley has been co-opted onto the WREN Board. He is a Wadebridge resident, electric vehicle owner and environmentally concerned citizen with an especial interest in EVs. Look out for future announcements about EVs.

In the News

Talking of EVs, Cornwall Reports had this report in October 2019: Cornwall's roads to be "electric vehicle-only" by 2050, according to new study.

<https://cornwallreports.co.uk/cornwalls-roads-to-be-electric-vehicle-only-by-2050-according-to-new-study/>

Some of our members have been taking part in the Cornwall Local Energy Market project. Here's a write up from The Guardian in November.

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/nov/11/cornish-homes-take-part-in-trial-to-supply-clean-power-to-grid>

Reforestation the UK: 'Trees are the ultimate long-term project' from The Guardian again in November.

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/nov/16/reforesting-the-uk-trees-are-the-ultimate-long-term-project>

It should be read alongside this from the Cornwall Council website, about the Forest for Cornwall, and how we can all get involved:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/climate-emergency/forest-for-cornwall/>

In the meantime, the fires in Australia have raised the profile of the climate emergency. Let us hope that tragedy leads to positive action. That is not to ignore or lessen the many other disasters around the world that have been exacerbated by the rise in CO2 levels. It is just that the media have given greater attention to this than the others.

Wadebridge Rotary, with the help of Concern Wadebridge, has a collection for Australia at the John Betjeman Centre, if anyone would like to contribute.

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