



Back in April, OVO revealed a plan to democratise the energy market: **OVO Communities**. The idea was to literally put power back into people's hands by giving councils, community groups and social housing providers the tools and support they need to set up their own local energy company.

Now, less than eight months on, we are very proud to announce that we are preparing to launch three OVO communities partnerships which should begin supplying energy to local residents and businesses in Spring 2015.

A quick recap

The big idea? If the energy sector's controlled by communities, it will work better for communities. It appears many of you agree, with over 300 organisations getting in touch to talk about working together. We've also got the support of the Government, with Energy Secretary Ed Davey MP and Energy Minister Amber Rudd MP, kindly attending launch events for two of our community partnerships.

Our aim is to establish 100 OVO Communities partnerships across the country that drive forward innovation in the energy sector and ultimately serve 1,000,000 customers.

What does OVO Communities offer our partners?



Local tariffs

Take control of the prices your residents and businesses pay for their energy to ensure their bills are low and fairly priced.



Energy efficiency

Get priority access to OVO's energy efficiency funding, which will be available via the Energy Company Obligation (ECO) scheme from next year.



Smart meters

Help the most needy residents by replacing prepayment meters with Government backed smart technology.



Local generation

Sell locally generated power to local people and pass on any cost savings to customers.

OVO aims to launch local supply offerings with the following community organisations by Spring 2015:



Plymouth Energy Community (PEC)

PEC is a multi-award winning, 700-member strong co-operative, set up by Plymouth Council, which aims to give local residents the power to transform how they buy, use and generate energy. We believe our partnership with PEC could deliver in excess of £1 million in bill savings for the local community with a particular focus on savings for the fuel poor.

Cheshire East Council (CEC)

CEC is a local authority in the North West of England, covering 169,000 households. The alleviation of fuel poverty is a key priority for CEC and they'll work with a number of major social housing providers in the area to deliver substantial bills savings. Our research shows that households



in Cheshire East could save up to £300 a year by switching from a Big 6 energy company to their new local energy supplier.



Community Energy South (CES)

CES is a network of community energy groups, spanning East and West Sussex and Brighton whose ambition is to supply an affordable energy tariff to its local residents which also supports local investment in renewable technologies. We estimate the planned scheme could deliver bills savings of £2 million for the local community.

What's next?

If you're ready to join our first community partners or want to find out more contact us on communities@OVOenergy.com.



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