

## Community Energy for Energy Solidarity (CEES)

Sharing tools for fighting fuel poverty











## Context: Repowering London's Wider Work

- Supporting 10 local solar coops across London, with core work on fuel poverty focused in Lambeth
- 650+ member investors across our London cooperatives
- Work with locally rooted Community Champions to lead community engagement with local audiences





























## Our fuel poverty toolkit

- **Training** on energy efficiency measures, rights, and support for households facing fuel poverty:
  - "Warm and Well" workshops
  - Workshops with local library staff on how to install draught-proofing measures
- Co-creating and sharing resources within local networks:
  - Local Community Leads
  - Frontline workers
  - Local partners organisations





## Our fuel poverty toolkit

- Using renewable energy to provide affordable electricity:
  - Installing solar PV on blocks of flats
  - Using local electricity supply models to allow residents to benefit from cheaper tariffs
- Upgrading building fabric and heating systems:
  - Improving ventilation and insulation
  - Converting fossil fuelled heating to heat pumps and making electric storage heating 'smart'





## Our fuel poverty toolkit

### Advocating and influencing:

- Creating opportunities for people with lived experience of fuel poverty to directly engage with key stakeholders such as Ofgem
- Participating in working groups on energy regulation and consumer protection
- Ensuring retrofit standards (such as PAS2035) are appropriate for blocks of flats
- Making sure ECO4 funding delivers intended outcomes and installers are held to account





# Making solar work for fuel poor households. Step 1: get it on the roof







# Making solar work for fuel poor households. Step 2: Set up a local tariff

FAO:

Brixton Energy Solar 3 Repowering London SW2 2RN

Date: 22nd June 2022

Site: Solar MPAN:

Invoice Period: 1st May - 31st May 2022

From:

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#### TOTAL GENERATION IN THIS PERIOD: 2.21 mWh

Item	Unit Rate £/MWh	Generation in Period	Subtotal	Total
Spilled Generation	£115.72	1.57 mWh	£181.68	
Matched Generation	£60.00	0.64 mWh	£38.40	

Total Power

Generation £

£220.08





## Making solar work for fuel poor households. Step 3: Show the savings



This means that 21% of your electricity came from solar





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### **CEES** pilot activities

### • Fundraising:

 Inspired by partners Les Amis d'Enercoop and their Energie Solidaire scheme, exploring new approaches to small scale fundraising

#### Evaluation:

 Evaluating the impacts of remote energy and indoor air quality monitoring, explanatory reports, and associated interventions made through a Home Monitoring for Wellbeing innovation pilot





## **Challenges and Reflections**

- The scale of the energy crisis requires fundamentally different approaches to how fuel poverty support services are funded
- We need affordable social tariffs for vulnerable households, as well as easier access to local tariffs for locally generated renewable electricity





## Thank you!



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