



# YOUR INVITATION TO WORK WITH THE LOW CARBON HUB

## Offering practical, local opportunities to address climate change

The Low Carbon Hub is a social enterprise providing solutions for organisations wanting to reshape the way they consume, generate and invest in energy. Working with partners across Oxfordshire, including the University and colleges, the Low Carbon Hub has built a reputation for leading the energy transition.



We offer a range of different opportunities:

### Power Down: Reduce your college's energy demand

#### 1. Free expert energy efficiency advice

If your college is an SME we can offer a free energy audit worth £630. These surveys result in practical, evidence-based guidance on energy efficiency and highlight tailored recommendations that can lead to significant financial and carbon emissions savings.

We've helped over 100 businesses, schools and community organisations in Oxfordshire and, because the advice is tailored, recipients report high conversion from recommendation to action: A recent survey indicated 75% of recommended actions were either complete or planned.

“The audit was constructive, and helped stimulate a useful discussion on initiatives that the college could take.”

Finance Bursar, Wadham College

### Power Up: Support and benefit from the growth of local renewable electricity

#### 1. Host a Low Carbon Hub community-funded solar PV array

Join over 40 organisations around Oxfordshire who already benefit from hosting a Low Carbon Hub solar PV array. You provide the roof, we provide the capital and expertise to install and maintain a high-quality project delivering long term operational cost and carbon emissions savings.

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We are very pleased with the solar panel installation... Our Eco Team have worked very hard to lower the energy consumption of the school and the solar panels will now mean we are using even less of our planet's valuable resources. They make a welcome addition to the school.

Headteacher, Bure Park School

## 2. Purchase zero carbon, community generated electricity

Each year, Oxfordshire spends £1.5 billion on energy – purchase your electricity direct from the Low Carbon Hub and ensure your energy spend stays local, delivering economic, social and environmental benefits. What's more, our Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) offer clear chain of custody for locally generated, zero carbon electricity. We can match or better your current energy costs and give long term cost certainty linked to RPI rather than energy markets.

## 3. Invest in the Community Energy Fund

Join over 1,000 investor members who have between them invested almost £6 million to support our energy projects. Our Community Energy Fund accepts single investments from £250 to £100,000. In return we offer investors a target interest rate of 4%, rising to 5% after the first four years and regular updates on the environmental and social impact their investment is achieving.

[www.lowcarbonhub.org/invest](http://www.lowcarbonhub.org/invest)



I chose to invest because I'm really passionate about doing something to lower our carbon emissions and I'm very impressed by the real projects that I've seen come to fruition around the County, from schools to other community projects. It's great to be a part of it.

Investor Member

## 4. Became a major project partner

The Low Carbon Hub and the University of Oxford are key partners in Project LEO – a £40 million programme that aims to transform the technology and markets that underpin our energy system, demonstrating it's possible to meet our energy needs in a way that's good for people and good for the planet.

As part of this project, we are growing our pipeline of utility-scale Oxfordshire solar PV projects, providing a range of opportunities for direct investment in long-term, low-risk assets. Please contact us to discuss what opportunities may match your needs.

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