

# Green Communities

## Local support



Energy Saving Trust's network of advice centres are now working to provide advice and support to help people to work together to act on climate change. Our expert advisors can help your community reduce its carbon footprint. This free service is funded by the Department of Energy and Climate Change.

## What will happen?

An advisor will work alongside your community for a year helping you to understand your carbon footprint and develop a realistic action plan to reduce it. The advisor will then work with your community to deliver an energy efficiency or renewable energy project.

## This process will help to:

- Understand your community's carbon footprint
- Understand the benefits of the different actions you can take to reduce your carbon footprint
- Develop a realistic, achievable action plan for your community
- Find sources of funding and installers for energy efficiency and renewable energy measures
- Deliver the first project from your action plan
- See the impact of your action on your carbon footprint and fuel bills
- Find out about the other free services available from the Energy Saving Trust and become a member of Green Communities
- Feel confident about taking action in future

## Is my community eligible?

Communities from anywhere in the UK can apply for support. In order to be chosen for support your community will need to:

- Have a group of local people who are ready to lead the process
- Have some ideas about what your community can do to reduce its carbon footprint

- Be ready and willing to take action to reduce the carbon footprint and fuel bills of your community

Contact your local advice centre on 0800 512 012 for further information.

## What are the benefits to my community?

Benefits to communities adopting the programme include:

- Reducing your carbon footprint
- Reducing fuel bills
- Learning about energy saving, renewable energy and sustainable living
- Helping to "future-proof" your community
- Building confidence to act on climate change and energy issues

This support complements the other services available through Green Communities from the Energy Saving Trust. These services include advice, training, technical support and information and are available free of charge. For further information you can email [greencommunities@est.org.uk](mailto:greencommunities@est.org.uk) or visit us online at [www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/community](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/community).

## Further information

For more information about Green Communities Local Support please contact your nearest Energy Saving Trust advice centre by calling 0800 512 012.

Please note that although it can provide information on sources of funding this is not a grant fund but a service that provides advice and information.