

## Pure Leapfrog Professional Expertise

If your project requires legal, financial or technical support, you may be able to benefit from our network of professional advisors. We assess eligibility for pro bono support on a project by project basis and may be able to provide you with professional support to get your project 'investment ready'.

Examples of pro bono services provided include:

- Legal advice on heads of terms, leases and licences
- Company incorporation
- Legal and financial advice on your share offer and fundraising prospectus
- Tax, VAT and Enterprise Investment Scheme (EIS) advice
- A review of business finances by a financial advisor
- Technical support on planning processes

*"Leapfrog has been an essential partner of Brixton Energy Solar 1 and preparing future Repowering South London initiatives, helping us to overcome significant challenges to ensure successful sustainable outcomes. Their network of professional advisors is extensive, very focused and with exceptional quality, their input has allowed our community group to innovate and catalyse change."*

**Andre Pinho**

Director, Repowering London

## Applying for Pure Leapfrog Support

If you think your project would benefit from our support, please get in touch and we would be happy to discuss the possibilities with you.

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**energising communities**  
**saving carbon**  
**delivering social impact**

Pure Leapfrog is dedicated to ensuring that community energy becomes a significant part of the sustainable energy mix in the UK. We are achieving this through the provision of accessible expertise and affordable finance to community energy groups and projects. Our network of members provides expert professional advice on a voluntary basis to help carbon reduction projects overcome non-financial barriers to their success.

Our Community Energy Fund offers low interest loans for community renewable energy projects, drawing on a credit facility from Big Society Capital. To date, Pure Leapfrog has worked with more than 70 community groups in the UK encompassing the whole range of carbon reducing technologies.

Main Features	Benefits for Community Projects
<b>Low interest loans</b>	Low interest rates mean that more benefits stay within the community.
<b>Pro bono legal and technical support</b>	We have channelled over £2 million of pro bono support into low carbon projects reducing community groups' development costs.
<b>Independent technical review</b>	Your project will be financially and technically reviewed and verified by independent third-party experts.
<b>Proven track record in community projects</b>	We have helped over 70 community projects overcome various hurdles. Previous projects include Brighton Energy Co-op, OVESCo, Repowering London, Bath & West Community Energy and Hook Norton.

## Pure Leapfrog Community Energy Fund

### Eligibility Criteria

- Eligible technologies include LEDs and all technologies eligible for FIT or RHI.
- Eligible organisations include charities, not-for-profit organisations, community co-operatives, and any organisation operated for community benefit.
- Projects must be located in the lower 50% of areas as measured by the Government's Indices of Multiple Deprivation.
- Borrowers need to confirm the community benefit created by any financial surpluses from the project.
- Funds may be used to finance a new installation, under-write a community share issue, or re-finance an existing installation in order to fund new installations.

*"The loan provided security to community investors against a shortfall of capital and gave the team confidence in commissioning schedules for our solar system."*

**Will Cottrell**  
Chair, Brighton Energy Co-op

### Loan Terms

- Loans will usually range between 35% and 75% of project costs.
- Loans start from £10,000.
- Interest rates will be 4-6%, as determined on a project by project basis.
- Loan terms are normally 5-7 years.
- No arrangement, commitment, due diligence, or early repayment fees.
- Payment is only made once the borrower can prove that the technology is installed, commissioned and registered for FIT/RHI payments.
- A charge will be taken over equipment and/or associated FIT/RHI revenue streams.