

Community Energy: Power to the People!

Gone are the days where energy was solely controlled by big corporations and utilities. In the past five years, we've seen a revolution in the way we think about energy and who gets to produce it. The power has shifted from the top to the bottom, with communities taking the reins and leading the charge towards a more sustainable future.

Remember when solar panels were a rare sight on rooftops? Now, it's not uncommon to see entire neighbourhoods covered in gleaming panels, generating clean energy and reducing their carbon footprint. Community solar programs have continued to gain popularity, allowing individuals and businesses to purchase or lease a portion of a larger solar array and receive credit for the electricity produced. This allows people who may not have the means or ability to install solar panels on their own property to still benefit from solar energy.

The advancement of wind power will blow you away as the cost has continued to decline, making it one of the most cost-effective forms of new power generation in many regions.



And it's not just solar and wind power –hydro, anaerobic digestion and other forms of renewable energy are all becoming more accessible to communities.

Communities are also taking control of how energy is managed and used. Energy efficiency, demand response and energy management services are now in the hands of the people, empowering them to make smart decisions about their energy consumption.

Governments and utilities are finally catching up, recognizing the importance of community energy initiatives and providing funding and policy incentives to support them. This has led to a boom in community-led projects and a rise in the number of people taking charge of their energy future.

So, what's the future of community energy? Bright, to say the least! As awareness of the urgent need to address climate change has grown, more individuals and communities are looking for ways to reduce their carbon footprint and transition to clean energy. Community energy provides a way for

people to take action at a local level and make a tangible impact on reducing greenhouse gas emissions. As technology improves and people continue to take charge, we can expect to see even more communities creating their own clean energy.

In conclusion, community energy is the way of the future – it's empowering, sustainable, and gives people the means to shape their own energy destiny. So, let's raise a glass to the communities leading the charge and paving the way for a greener, cleaner future!