## 361 **ENERGY CIC**

361Energy CIC is a community energy organisation which promotes energy saving and renewable energy technologies. It operates within the area of the North Devon Biosphere Reserve. The main focus of the organisation this year is providing advice to those in fuel poverty and developing community owned renewable energy installations.

For more information visit: www.361energy.org

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#### **361 Community Energy**

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This model has proved very successful in Plymouth where last year Plymouth Energy Community installed solar PV on over 20 schools. This year they have raised a further £850,000 and will be installing the largest rooftop solar PV system in the city on the Plymouth Life Centre.

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The Empower project, funded with a grant from the Ebico Trust, offers assistance to those in water and fuel debt and advice on reducing utility bills. The service provides free one to one advice and home visits to show people how to cut costs and save energy. There are benefits for landlords with the service as well, which assists them to improve the energy efficiency of their properties by accessing funds for new boilers, loft, cavity and solid wall insulation.

Training sessions are also available for frontline staff and volunteer groups who are in contact with those who are struggling with fuel bills and heating their home.



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