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Vote for Pennsylvania's Clean Energy Future

If you are a member of The Energy Co-op's Renewable Electricity or Renewable Natural Gas programs, you send a strong message to political and industry leaders just by your individual consumer choice. Though it is vitally important, individual consumer choice is just one piece of the puzzle when it comes to advocating for Pennsylvania's clean energy future.

Last week, The Energy Co-op's Executive Director, Divya Desai, was joined by local energy experts for a panel discussion on energy choice and energy consumer rights in Pennsylvania. The panel covered many aspects of renewable energy in Pennsylvania, and ended with a conversation on the importance of voting and advocating for clean energy policy, which you can listen to [here](#).



Whether it's updating Pennsylvania's alternative energy portfolio standards or ensuring that Philadelphia stays on course to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2050, voters have tremendous power to support clean energy goals in Pennsylvania. If you are a Pennsylvania resident, you have a great opportunity to make your voice heard in less than two weeks by voting in the 2023 Primary Election on Tuesday, May 16!

While The Energy Co-op is a nonpartisan organization that does not make political endorsements, we recognize the powerful role that local, state, and national legislators have in shaping clean energy policy, and encourage our members to exercise their right to vote.

For Philadelphia voters, there are many important races and ballot questions to be voted on, and [you can view a sample ballot for your address here](#). Whether it's deciding on PGW's future, meeting emissions goals, or modernizing our

utilities, the office with perhaps the most power to shape Philadelphia's clean energy future is the Office of the Mayor. To learn more about each mayoral candidate's climate plan and how they would legislate as mayor, check out [WHYY's 2023 climate voter's guide](#).

And lastly, remember to [check your polling place](#), [review your voter registration status](#), and make a plan to elect local officials who will introduce and support clean energy measures on May 16!

Spring Events

Did you miss our panel with [Green Philly](#) on energy choice and energy consumer rights in Pennsylvania? Don't worry! Not only can you watch a full recording of the event [here](#), but our spring calendar is full of great events where you can get more involved with The Energy Co-op's member community.

Whether you:

- are a [new member looking to learn more](#) about the value of your membership with The Energy Co-op
- [love getting outside in nature](#) with your fellow members
- are [interested in learning more about the present state of the energy market](#)
- want to [exercise your democratic rights as a member of The Energy Co-op](#) and hear about our 2023 plans at our Annual Member Meeting

The Energy Co-op has four great opportunities to get involved in the next two months. To register and learn more about our May and June events, [visit our website](#), or check out the "Coming Events" section of our newsletter below. We can't wait to see you!

Renewable Energy Classroom

Welcome back to our Renewable Energy Classroom, where we highlight different aspects of the generation, purchase, delivery, or use of renewable energy with a new video or article each month.

In this week's Renewable Energy Classroom, let's discuss international renewable energy leaders. Here at The Energy Co-op, we often focus on regional or Pennsylvania energy policy and trends, as those are the areas that often have the greatest effect on our members and programs. But, it's important to remember that we are a part of an international community of changemakers all working together towards one common goal - a clean energy future! From policy goals, innovative ideas, and technology, there is so much to learn from renewable energy leaders around the world that can inform Pennsylvania's renewable energy infrastructure and strategies.

Let's take a look at this great video from [CNBC International](#) on international renewable energy leaders, and the strategies they have used to increase their renewable generation.



Join our Team!

The Energy Co-op is currently looking for a qualified candidate to fill our Membership Manager position.

The [Membership Manager](#) will lead the success of our membership growth and engagement. This role will manage new member recruitment and retention strategies and ensure quality experiences for prospective and current members, focusing primarily on outreach, services, and communications.

If you or someone you know has relevant experience and an interest in renewable energy, help us spread the word about this opening. And if this sounds like you, we welcome you to learn more and [apply today!](#)

Present a Member-to-Member Webinar or Contribute to our Blog!

As a member-owned, nonprofit, cooperative organization, community collaboration is at the heart of everything we do at The Energy Co-op. This principle applies not just to our collective purchasing power, but to our collective educational power, which stems from members sharing specialized knowledge with other members on the issues we all care about.

This summer, The Energy Co-op is excited to continue our series of Member-to-Member webinars, where members share their expertise on diverse topics with other members of our cooperative community. Our member community is filled with bright and passionate individuals with a wide variety of knowledge in areas related to renewable energy and sustainability. Past presentations given by members include [The Basics of Growing Fruit Trees](#), [Reducing your Carbon Footprint](#), and [The Green New Deal](#).

If you are interested in presenting a topic that relates to our mission to build a better, more sustainable Pennsylvania, please get in touch! These webinars will be conducted over Zoom and are expected to run for approximately one hour with time reserved for participant questions. The Energy Co-op's staff will handle all the logistics, including technical guidance, invitations, and the

support needed to help you present an engaging and informative session.

Hate public speaking? Never fear! There are still several great ways to contribute to our active member community, including writing a guest entry to our blog, [The Current](#)! The Current is the best place to go for info about energy market updates, the future of clean energy in Pennsylvania, and renewable energy news. We are always looking for new thought-provoking blog posts to share with our member community.

If you are interested in presenting a Member-to-Member Webinar or writing a blog entry, please reach out to info@theenergy.coop with a brief description of the topic you have in mind and your related experience. We look forward to hearing your ideas!

Coming Events

New Member Orientation Webinar

Thursday, May 18, 2023, 6:00 – 7:00pm

Virtual (link provided upon registration)

We'll highlight the benefits associated with Energy Co-op membership and explain how to best take advantage of them.

[Register Here](#)

Member Nature Walk

Wednesday, May 24, 5:30 – 7:00pm

The Horsham Power Line Trail, Horsham, PA

Join us for a member social event, as we take a nature walk along a trail that shares a corridor with the power lines that just may power your home! Parking and meetup logistics TBA.

View [trail information](#) and [register here!](#)

Spring Energy Market Update Webinar

Wednesday, May 31, 1:00 – 2:00pm

Virtual (link provided upon registration)

Join Energy Co-op staff for this energy market update and discussion about how we can continue to accelerate the region's transition to a cleaner, sustainable future.

[Register Here](#)

2023 Annual Member Meeting

Thursday, June 22, 5:30 – 7:00pm

The Philadelphia Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, PA

Join us for our 2023 Annual Member Meeting, where we will share the progress we have made over the past year, discuss our plans for the remainder of 2023. Registration and details TBA.

[View minutes from the 2022 Annual Member Meeting](#)

What We're Reading and Sustainability Events

[In Pennsylvania's Push Toward Renewable Energy, Consumers Have "Power"](#)

Green Philly's panel discussion on sustainable energy and consumer choice

highlighted the potential for individuals to impact the state's energy transition.
Ben Seal, Green Philly

[New NRDC Analysis: PA Needs RGGI and a Stronger AEPS](#)

New Analysis from the National Resources Defense Council outlines the important role that RGGI and AEPS standards play in building PA's clean energy future.

NRDC

[Clean energy projects welcome tax credits, but finding sites to plug into the grid is a challenge](#)

According to a new ICF report, the IRA has brought down the cost of renewable energy projects, but grid integration remains a key barrier.

Diana DiGangi, Utility Dive

[Pa. to get \\$6 million in grants for climate change planning from the EPA](#)

The federal government is giving Pennsylvania grant money to plan how to best adapt to and mitigate climate change locally.

Rachel McDevitt, State Impact PA

[How You Can Qualify for Energy Efficient Incentives Webinar](#)

Thursday, May 25, 1:00-2:00pm

Join Leyton at their energy efficiency webinar to learn from experts who have conducted over four thousand energy studies and how your business can benefit.

Blog Posts

[How to Speak to Your Community About Renewable Energy](#)

By Colin Teague

[Pennsylvania Has Fallen Behind on Clean Energy Goals, but New Leadership in Harrisburg Could Give Rise to Policy Changes](#)

By Eric Miller

[How to Shop for Renewable Electricity in Pennsylvania](#)

By The Energy Co-op Staff



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