

## What is an Energy Smart Community?

The Energy Smart Community is a not-for-profit scheme which allows you and your neighbours to join together to improve the energy-efficiency of your homes at the best value price.

## How does it work?

The Energy Smart Community works on the simple principle that by bringing homeowners together in a cluster, you can save on the cost and hassle of carrying out energy-efficiency improvements on your home. This is done through a group tender process, which means that our panel of top-quality contractors bid to carry out the work for you and the rest of your community. The contractor who comes back with the best value price possible is then selected by us to do the work.

## Why should I join?

The Energy Smart Community is run by Codema, a leading sustainable energy agency which acts as energy adviser to the four local authorities in Dublin. By joining the Energy Smart Community, you will have work carried out by a contractor chosen from our fully-vetted panel.

We provide you with expert, impartial advice and act as facilitator between you and the contractor throughout the entire process, removing any hassle for you and your neighbours.

As Codema is a not-for-profit energy agency, we are completely independent of any contractors. Therefore our only interest is in looking out for you and your community.

## 6 easy steps to improve the energy performance of your home

# 1

We help you to start an Energy Smart cluster in your area.



# 2

You get an energy survey carried out and choose from a list of improvements specific to your home.\*



# 3

You join the Energy Smart Community for €99 and become part of the group tender process.



# 4

We put the combined work out to tender to our panel of quality contractors who will bid for your job.



# 5

The contractor who comes back with the best value price is then selected by us on your behalf.



# 6

You apply for the grants, sign a contract with the winning contractor and the work begins on your home.



\*We can put you in touch with assessors who can carry out an energy survey on your home. Please note that this will incur an additional cost and is not included in the €99 to join the Energy Smart Community. You will qualify for a grant of €100 towards the Building Energy Rating (BER) provided you meet SEAI's requirements.

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## Give your home a second chance to be energy-smart



Join together with your community and save on energy



A One-Stop-Shop for the government's Home Energy Saving and Greener Homes schemes



Independent, professional and hassle-free service that's looking out for you

## Grants to warm your home

There are two government grants available through the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) for improving the energy efficiency of your home - the Home Energy Saving scheme and the Greener Homes scheme.

These grants will allow you to save an average of 30% on the cost of improving your home's energy performance but by joining the Energy Smart Community, you have the potential to reduce this cost even more through a group tender process.

### Grant aid available

Home Energy Saving scheme	Greener Homes scheme
Roof insulation €250	*Solar water heating system €900
Building Energy Rating (BER) €100*	Wood chip / Pellet stove €800
Heating controls system and high-efficiency boiler €700	Wood chip / Pellet boiler €2,500
Heating controls system only €500	**Heat Pump System €3,500
Full wall insulation (a) Cavity insulation €400 (b) Dry lining insulation €2,500 (c) External insulation €4,000	*Grant based on 3 m <sup>2</sup> of evacuated tube solar panel.  ** Grant based on vertical ground collector.

\*Please note that in order to qualify for the grants, you must have a BER (Building Energy Rating) carried out AFTER the work has been completed on your home.  
See [www.seai.ie](http://www.seai.ie) for more details on grant requirements.

# Join for €99

Codema offers membership to the Energy Smart Community for €99. The benefits of joining include:

**Joining a cluster of homeowners in your area for a group tender, meaning that you will get the work carried out at the best value price**

**Independent energy advice & quality control**

**We co-ordinate the entire tender process from start to finish with contractors of the highest standard who have been thoroughly vetted**

**We select a contractor on your behalf who can deliver a high quality job at the best value**

**We act as a facilitator and keep you informed throughout the entire process and answer any questions you might have**

**Social and environmental benefits for your community**

### At what stage do I become a member of the Energy Smart Community?

You join the Energy Smart Community when you decide what work you want to have done on your home and you become part of the group tender.

### Why do we select a contractor for you?

We have put together an expert panel who will tender for the work on your home, so only the highest standard contractors who meet our strict, professional criteria will qualify for this panel. The contractor who comes back with the best value price possible for you and your neighbours is then chosen by us to carry out the work.

## What do I do now?

If you are interested in taking the first step towards an Energy Smart Community in your neighbourhood, we recommend that you do the following:

Talk to other homeowners in your area to see if they are interested in getting work carried out on their home. It is also a good idea to contact your local residents' association or community group for further support.



Phone the Energy Smart Community line on

**01 707 9818 / 085 845 2246**

or email

**[info@energysmartcommunity.com](mailto:info@energysmartcommunity.com)**

We will then organise a series of meetings in your area completely free of charge where we will talk to you in detail about the Energy Smart Community and the social, environmental and financial benefits it has to offer you and your neighbourhood.