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- Learn about how fossil fuel workers can support our clean energy future in this month's renewable energy classroom
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2023 Annual Member Meeting Recap

Thank you to all The Energy Co-op members, partners, and friends who made our 2023 Annual Member Meeting an overwhelming success! The Annual Member Meeting is the bedrock of our cooperative organization and provides a platform for our members to truly make their voice heard. However you participated, we thank you for your active engagement and look forward to expanding and growing The Energy Co-op to best serve our members.

Whether you were able to join us for the meeting and want to review what was discussed or couldn't make it and want to stay on top of all the exciting things happening at The Energy Co-op, you're in luck! You can now view [a recording of the livestream](#) and [the minutes](#) of the event — featuring reports from our staff, Board President, and Treasurer, as well as voting results from the 2023 Board member election. You can also view [the 2022 audited financial statements](#) and [a summary of our strategic plan](#) which were both presented at the meeting. Finally, we encourage you to take our [2023 Annual Member Meeting survey](#) to provide feedback on how to improve member engagement and experience. Thank you for all you do to make our cooperative community vibrant and engaged. Here's to a bright future of working together to build Pennsylvania's clean energy future!

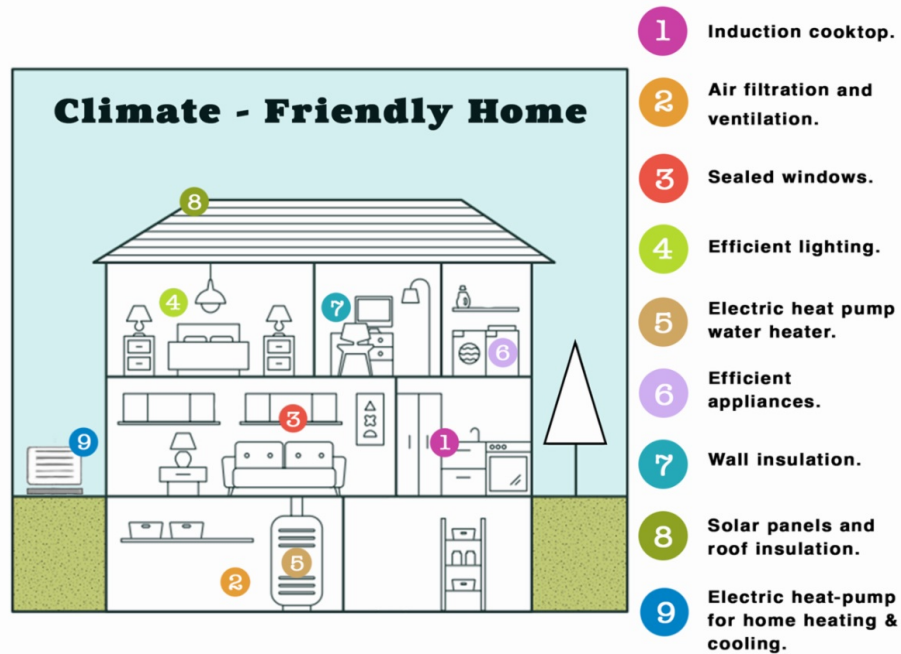


How to Make your Home More Climate Friendly

If you are a member of one of The Energy Co-op's renewable programs, you are already mindful of your home's carbon footprint. But did you know that there are countless other ways to make your home more climate friendly too? Thanks to new legislation and initiatives at the local, state and federal level, you can

even get a tax credit or financial support to make these additions to your home.

Whether you are looking to install a heat pump, rooftop solar, or get a discounted home energy efficiency audit, there are countless ways to make your home efficient! As we enter the dog days of summer, [check out some of these great tips](#) from The City of Philadelphia's Office of Sustainability to prevent your energy bill from rising along with the temperatures.



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 how to ensure that our clean energy future doesn't leave fossil fuel workers out. A common criticism of increased renewable energy generation is that subsidizing and supporting renewable energy infrastructure will not only negatively impact fossil fuel companies, but the employees and communities that rely on them.

While decreasing our reliance on fossil fuels is critical to combatting climate change and building greener communities, negatively impacting fossil fuel workers does not have to be. Whether it's job retraining programs, direct community investment, or infrastructure projects like the conversion of former coal mines into geothermal power sources [as highlighted in our blog last week](#), we must ensure that climate action does not have negative externalities for fossil fuel workers to make our energy transition truly equitable.

Let's take a look at this great video from [NowThis Earth](#) on how to protect those who work in the oil, coal, and gas industries as we transition to a clean energy economy.



Join our Team!

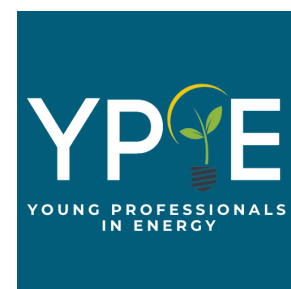
The Energy Co-op is currently looking for a qualified candidate to fill our Membership Manager position.

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!](#)

Join YPE for a Networking and Panel Event on EVs!

Next week, join our friends at [Young Professionals in Energy Philadelphia](#) (YPE) for a fantastic free networking and panel event exploring the present and future electric vehicle infrastructure landscape in Philadelphia.



The event will be held Wednesday, July 12th from 5:30 - 7:30 at Billy Penn Studios, 1516 N 5th St. Philadelphia, PA.

[Learn more about this great event and register here.](#)

What We're Reading

[Virginia wants to break up with RGGI but in Pennsylvania, it's complicated](#)

An inside look into PA's path to joining RGGI, and Virginia's possible exit.
Maxine Joselow and Vanessa Montalbano, The Washington Post

[This new training program will put people to work as heat-pump installers](#)

A Philadelphia nonprofit is gearing up to prepare its first group of trainees for one of the energy transition's most crucial jobs.

Alison F. Takemura, Canary Media

[PA coal plants keep closing. Does the state need carbon trading?](#)

Pennsylvania isn't a part of a regional program to slash carbon emissions, but coal plants are closing anyway, fueling a debate about the state's future.

Miranda Willson, Energywire

Blog Posts

[Spotlight on Renewable Energy Technology: Coal Mine Geothermal Energy](#)

By Eleanor Fulvio

[Energy Choice and Your Rights as an Energy Consumer | A panel event hosted by The Energy Co-op and Green Philly](#)

By The Energy Co-op Staff

[The Role of Local Government in the Clean Energy Transition](#)

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