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Hulme Energy Co-op

The Carbon Co-op is a project in its pilot stages that brings together people and communities, enabling them to purchase low-carbon technologies simply and cheaply. The more people who participate, the cheaper technologies become, including everything from energy meters to solar panels.

In March 2009 two pilots were run, one with owner-occupiers in the Hulme area of Manchester, and the other in a block of city centre flats. The pilots featured carbon budgeting workshops where local people examined their energy usage and looked at ways they could work together to reduce their carbon footprint.

These workshops were run in conjunction with Kindling Trust, an organisation that specialises in developing innovative community engagement techniques.

It is hoped that these workshops will be the first stage in establishing full-scale carbon co-op pilots, which will be up and running by the end of 2009.

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