

CLIMATE CHAMPIONS

WINNERS OF THE ASHDEN AWARDS 2025

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In its 25th anniversary, Ashden celebrates six extraordinary climate champions.

Through the Ashden Awards, the Ashden organization helps climate innovators in the UK and in Global South thrive, giving them resources and opportunities to scale their solutions and maximise their impact. The winners of the 2025 Ashden Awards have been announced: they are six organizations leading the way to a zero-carbon future, restoring nature and powering up clean, affordable energy.



The 2025 Winners include the following projects:

Emergent Energy. UK. Emergent Energy is helping people in blocks of flats, including those on lower incomes, cut their bills through rooftop solar. Until now, this opportunity has largely been restricted to owners of larger, detached or semi-detached properties. Block owners can commission Emergent to install solar panels and other equipment to generate energy, which residents can buy before it enters the grid. Building owners, not tenants, bear the cost of setting up the microgrid and recoup their money through the revenues it creates. This business model is unique in the UK, and Emergent has had to collaborate with utility companies and secure regulation change to make it a reality clearing a path for more innovation across the energy sector.



BURN. Africa. BURN's cookstoves are an affordable, made-in-Africa solution to deadly air pollution. They have protected the health of 28 million people in 14 countries, while lowering the fuel costs faced by families. Their products have cut global CO2 emissions by 26.2 million tonnes, and saved 14.7 million tonnes of wood. Their impact includes reducing the time women and children spend cooking or foraging for firewood, sometimes by several hours a week. The Kenya-based company employs 3,500 staff, mostly young people, and 50% of its workers are women. Roles in engineering and product design have helped create opportunity for local graduates. In total, BURN produces 400,000 stoves a month, with factories or assembly lines in Kenya, Ghana, Nigeria and Tanzania. Visit BURN's website [here](#).



SELCO Solar Light Private Limited. India. SELCO brings affordable solar power to India's most marginalised communities, with a growing focus on supporting entrepreneurs and transforming the energy access ecosystem. SELCO drives this change by working with



banks and others to unlock finance for end-users, by delivering training, and by partnering with government on large-scale projects and policy innovation. Launched as a social enterprise in 1995, SELCO sells affordable clean energy products like cookstoves and solar home systems in the state of Karnataka. It has now sold more than 500,000 products, improving the lives of over 2 million people. Visit Selco's website [here](#).

Sosai Renewable Energies. Nigeria. Sosai is a women-led renewable energy company, changing lives and empowering women in northern Nigeria. Growing up in the region, founder and CEO Habiba Ali saw families around her forced to use polluting and dangerous kerosene lamps. Inspired to tackle this problem, she created Sosai in 2010, initially distributing solar lamps and cookstoves that cut indoor air pollution. In 2022, Sosai expanded its work to solar minigrids. Today, the company's flagship approach is to create minigrids that enable local people, particularly women, to earn a better living. Women in the region who want to start a business often face significant cultural barriers. As well as providing them with affordable energy, training and access to finance, Sosai works to change attitudes across communities, and support women in becoming entrepreneurs. Visit Sosai's website [here](#).



Repowering London. UK. For more than a decade, Repowering London has enabled diverse communities across the capital to understand and enjoy the many benefits of clean energy, by putting people at the heart of the energy system. Crucially, Repowering London's inclusive approach has helped communities that have been habitually under-represented to get involved in local clean energy schemes. Its recent innovation includes new models for financing urban solar projects, and for integrating community engagement, codesign and financial modelling into broader projects creating greener homes, improving health outcomes and tackling fuel poverty. Visit Repowering London's website [here](#).



Cotality. UK. Cotality empowers landlords, homeowners and local authorities to create warm, energy-efficient homes – addressing one of the UK's biggest climate challenges. Its tools, data and advisory services enable users to analyse housing stock at scale, to create optimised upgrade plans for each home, and to deliver efficient retrofit projects. These projects can improve homes with better insulation, new doors and windows or improved heating technology. Such measures drive down energy use and bills, improve people's health, and cut carbon emissions. And with 9 million UK households spending more than 10% of their income on domestic energy, widescale retrofit is needed to address fuel poverty too. Visit Cotality website [here](#).



The Ashden Awards were launched in 2000 and honour innovators from the public, private and non-profit sectors. The annual Ashden Awards boost outstanding, inclusive climate innovation. Panels of expert judges have a key role in the process examining the entries, interviewing the people behind them, and debating who should be honoured with a prize. Ashden thanks the fantastic judges which include academics, investors, experts from civil society, journalists, business leaders, and many others.



Ashden gives awards and grants, shining a spotlight on innovators, and connect them with new partners. They work with funders and policymakers to influence, inspire and raise ambition. Ashden supports good green jobs, better health and fairer societies. The annual [Ashden Awards](#) have been supercharging climate pioneers for 25 years, and they run a growing range of networks and campaigns.

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