

Power Station

2025 | 90mins

Directors: Dan Edelstyn, Hilary Powell



'If not us, then who? And if not now, when?'

This is the defining line of Dan Edelstyn and Hilary Powell's first crowdfunder back in 2022 to raise money for their landmark project, *Power Station*. Disillusioned with rising energy prices, a lack of community-driven initiatives, and restricted access to locally generated, cleaner power, Edelstyn and Powell decided to turn their street into an energy-generating micro 'power station' capable of self-sustaining its community on purely green energy. Designed as an experiment to explore a new way of living, *Power Station* follows their mission, from pitching the idea to their neighbours to a final grand conclusion.

The central message of *Power Station* is that change starts small. 30 houses with solar panels on Lynmouth road in Walthamstow, London may feel inconsequential in the face of the giant monster that is climate change, but that's the point; change always begins with a first step, even if that first step is quite literally right outside your front door. As local resident Dee Tweedie says, 'I want to be a part of the solution, even if it's just a small part'. Lynmouth road has become a hopeful beacon for the possibilities of the power, both figuratively and literally, of a community bonded by one mission for a renewable future.

Indeed, the dreams of Edelstyn and Powell are for a country united by a string of renewable power stations, and for communities joined not only by low and green energy costs, but also in the collective joy of working with one another towards a better future.

Power Station is as much a love letter to the community spirit of times long-past as it is an urging for greater accessibility to green energy. Heartwarming and funny despite its serious subject matter, *Power Station* does much to lift the spirits, and offers a silver lining to the rising energy crisis; that if we all bond together, and work for the sake of others rather than purely for ourselves, there could really be a light at the end of the tunnel.

'We can be powerful, us, the people who should be powerless ... We do have the power to change things'

-Dan Edelstyn

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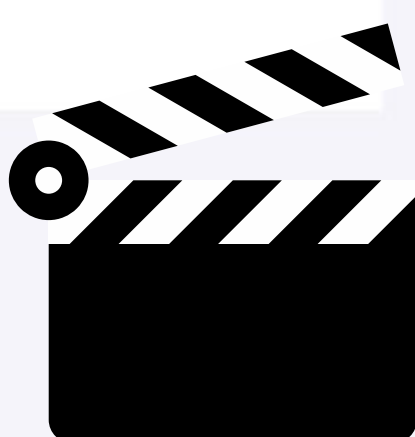
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- To raise money for their ambitious project, Dan and Hilary lived on their roof through sub-freezing temperatures throughout November and December of 2022, until they hit their £100,000 initial funding goal.
- Dan and Hilary’s previous project, *Bank Job*, involved them buying up over £1.2million worth of debt, and subsequently blowing it up in the shadow of London’s financial district.

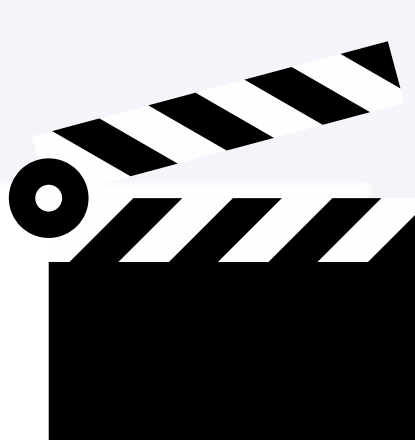
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