

Solarcentury CV

Solarcentury designs and supplies innovative solar energy for buildings. We are the UK's leading solar energy company with offices in France, Italy and Spain.

We design innovative products and work with architects and developers to incorporate solar technology into the built environment. Solarcentury is in business for a purpose: to make a big difference in the fight against climate change. Our aim is to revolutionise the global energy market.

A brief history

- 1998** • The company is established by Jeremy Leggett and receives its first round of investment.
- 1999** • With a small team of experienced engineers and consultants, the company's first installation takes place on the Solarcentury show house in Richmond.
- 2000** • The company installs its largest photovoltaic facade on the Royal Institute of British Architects' headquarters.
- 2001** • Solarcentury is chosen to power the Channel 4 Big Brother House.
• Over 50 installations completed across the UK.
• Solarcentury becomes the UK's only RIBA accredited solar Continuing Professional Development provider.
- 2002** • UK Major Demonstration Programme for Photovoltaics begins.
- 2003** • 150 installations completed.
- 2004** • Development of C21e begins, a building integrated roof tile for homes which provides electricity whilst blending in with conventional roof tiles.
• The company receives its second round of investment from Scottish & Southern Electricity (SSE).
- 2005** • Solarcentury designs and installs Europe's largest vertical cladding PV system on the CIS building, Manchester, which saves over 100 tonnes of CO₂ from entering the atmosphere each year.
• Solarcentury Ranked '25th Fastest Growing UK Technology Company', by The Sunday Times Tech Track 100.
• Solarcentury launches the Low Carbon Building Product range of PV solutions for the building industry.
- 2006** • C21e and The Complete Solar Roof, thermal and PV roof tiles, enter full production, winning a number of awards.
• The company secures its third round of investment from Vantage Point Venture Partners and SSE.
• Solarcentury wins the UK Government's Low Carbon Buildings Programme tender.
- 2007** • 'Solar4Schools' programme is set up by Solarcentury, to deliver solar systems to UK schools & colleges.
• Solarcentury's first overseas sales offices are opened, in Spain and France.
• Solarcentury completes £13.5 million investment, with Zouk Ventures and Good Energies as lead partners.
• Over 500 installations now completed.
- 2008** • Solarcentury is awarded two-star status accreditation, as one of the best places to work in the UK, by Best Companies.
• Jeremy Leggett becomes Executive Chairman, with Derry Newman becoming Chief Executive Officer.
• The 100th school fitted with a free solar energy system is completed with the Co-operative group, other sponsors join Solar4Schools including Barclaycard.
• Solarcentury wins the tender to fit 25 schools with solar PV systems from Milan local government.
• Solarcentury gains EMAS & ISO14001 accreditation.
• Projects are underway in France, Italy and Spain.
• Over 780 commercial & public sector installations now completed with the potential to generate 9.5 MWh of clean energy every year.

Solarcentury people

Solarcentury consists of over 110 staff, and the company is growing fast.

We come from a broad range of backgrounds including the oil and power industries, environmental groups, construction, government, development, aid, environmental charities, the IT industry and investment banking. We are united in our belief that solar energy is a key solution to alleviate the growing energy crisis and is vital for sustainability and to combat global warming.



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Jeremy Leggett, Executive Chairman

Jeremy has been described by Time Magazine as “one of the key players in putting the climate issue on the world agenda”. He was an award-winning scientist, oil-industry consultant and Greenpeace campaigner before setting up Solarcentury. His first book ‘The Carbon War’ has been described by the Sunday Times as “the best book yet on the politics of global warming”. He is a director of the world’s first private equity renewable energy fund, Bank Sarasin’s New Energies Invest AG. Jeremy is a prominent contributor to the climate and energy debate, with regular media appearances in the UK and worldwide. He is also the Chairman of SolarAid, the charity promoting solar energy in the developing world, which was set up by Solarcentury in 2006 and has since then attracted funding from Barclays, Man Group, Scottish and Southern Energy and The Irish Electricity Supply Board.

Our experience

Solarcentury’s experience is unrivalled in the UK, having completed over 750 commercial and public sector installations since 1999 and thousands of homes through our national network of associate installers. By developing our own products and sourcing a wide variety of other solar technologies we can offer the best solution to suit planning needs, budgets and architectural demands.

Our clients include:

The Co-operative Group
Sir Robert McAlpine
Arup
Gazeley Ltd.
The Eden Project
Tesco
Sainsbury’s

Channel 4
The Environment Agency
Transport for London
Manchester College of Arts & Technology
Croudace Homes
Gleeson Homes
St James Homes

Barratt
Laing Homes
Fairview Homes
Bloor Homes
London Fire Brigade
BBC

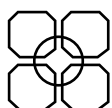
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Awards & Recognition

- **‘Fastest Growing UK Energy Company’**, The Sunday Times Techtrack 100 2008
- **‘Top Ten Cleantech 100’** - Guardian, Library House 2008
- **‘Cleantech Advancement of the Year’** UK Technology Innovation & Growth Awards 2008
- **‘Two Star Best Companies accreditation 2008’** Best Companies, 2008
- **‘CNBC “Low Carbon Pioneers”, Top 100 companies’** CNBC European Business Magazine 2007
- **‘Ashden Award for Energy Business’** The Ashden Awards, 2007
- **‘European Solar Prize for Outstanding Contribution to Renewable Energy’** Eurosolar, 2006
- **‘The Sunday Times Tech Track 100 R&D Award’** The Sunday Times Tech Track 100, 2006
- **‘The UK’s fastest growing renewable energy technology company’** The Sunday Times Tech Track 100, 2006
- **‘Best solar tile available’**, The Solarcentury C21e. Which? Magazine 2006
- **‘Sustainability Innovation Award’**, Building Magazine Sustainability Awards 2006
- **‘British Renewable Energy Innovator Award’**, Renewable Energy Association Awards 2006
- **‘Best Sustainable Product Award’**, Construct Exhibition, Ireland 2006
- **‘Best Product for the Building Envelope’**, Interbuild New Product Awards 2006
- **‘Best Overall Product’**, Interbuild New Product Awards 2006
- **‘Sustainability Leadership Award’**, SAM/SPG Sustainability Leadership Award 2006
- **‘25th Fastest Growing UK Technology Company’**, The Sunday Times Tech Track 100, 2005
- **‘Outstanding Contribution to the Built Environment’**, Highly Commended. Livable City Awards 2005
- **‘Award Winning Programme’** Solarcentury and University of Reading, DTI Knowledge Transfer Partnerships 2005
- **‘Green Award’** and runner up **‘London Regional Award’** RBS Innercity 100 Awards 2005
- **‘Best Exterior Product’**, Interbuild Awards 2004
- **‘Highly Commended for Engineering Alternatives’**, Environment Award for Engineers 2001

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