#YEPForum

Young Energy Professionals Awards 2017

Thursday 6 July
Energy UK’s Young Energy Professionals Forum (YEP) is a network of over 1,450 people, with representation spanning 271 different companies. It is run by young professionals within Energy UK and by a committee of young professionals in companies across the industry. The Forum offers a host of events throughout the year including site visits to some of the UK’s major energy centres, panel events on topical issues, and tonight’s annual YEP Awards ceremony which recognises the next generation of energy industry professionals’ successes across varied disciplines.

**Mission Statement**

“Our Forum is a network to promote the next generation of energy industry professionals, providing opportunities to collaborate, develop and recognise successes.”

**A word from Susan McDonald, Chair of the Young Energy Professionals Forum**;

“Welcome to our third Awards ceremony. We received more applications than ever this year and the standard was exceptional. It is fantastic that across our industry, young energy professionals and students have the opportunity to celebrate their truly transformational and high-impact achievements in shaping the future of the energy industry.

“We are encouraged by the rich, broad and diverse talent within the industry and hope that you will continue to access support and opportunities through Energy UK’s Young Energy Professionals.

“We hope you enjoy tonight! Congratulations to all those who were nominated and to those shortlisted. The former is a great achievement and the latter is outstanding. To those who win: congratulations on your well-deserved success!”

**About the Young Energy Professionals Forum**
Tonight’s programme

18:30  Welcome reception
       Introduced by Lawrence Slade, Chief Executive of Energy UK
       Speech from Tim Emrich, Chief Executive, UK Power Reserve

19:45  Dinner commences
       Speech from Sir David Arculus, Chairman, Energy UK

20:15  Keynote speech
       Denise Massey, Managing Director, Energy Innovation Centre

21:25  Awards ceremony
       Introduced by Stephen Lambert, Market Segment Leader and
       Energy Partner,
       Hosted by Jillian Ambrose, Energy Reporter, The Telegraph

22:35  Networking reception

01:00  Doors close

Keynote speech

Denise Massey, Managing Director, Energy Innovation Centre

Denise leads the Energy Innovation Centre which has facilitated energy
investments of over £16m and built a community of 2000 innovators.
Working closely with energy network operators, Ofgem and BEIS, Denise
is actively involved in redefining the innovation ambition of the UK’s energy
sector and communicating this around the world.

Awards host

Jillian Ambrose, Energy Reporter, The Daily and Sunday Telegraph

Jillian has been a reporter on energy news for seven years, first as a market
reporter at Platts where she covered gas, electricity and carbon markets
and then as news editor of the award winning Utility Week editorial team.
She has been writing for the Daily Telegraph and Sunday Telegraph since
January 2016.
The Awards

Innovation Award
Awarded to an individual who is forward thinking. They anticipate where the next big idea might arise from and what it takes to make this happen.

Customer Focus Award
Awarded to an individual who makes that extra effort to ensure their company puts the customer at the heart of their operations.

Rising Star Award
Awarded to an individual with less than one year’s experience in the energy industry but who has already had an outstanding impact.

Team of the Year Award
Awarded to the team that has achieved results in developing and implementing objectives with a wider benefit than to its own company.

Engineer of the Year Award
Awarded to an individual who has developed and successfully applied engineering expertise to deliver solutions.

Academic Achievement Award
Awarded to an individual who has excelled in their studies and made an impact upon the academic energy world.

EY YEP of the Year 2017 Award
The highest award of the evening, showcasing an individual who has shown the potential to be a future leader in the industry.
Meet the judges

Archie Wilkinson, Head of Pavegen LIVE
Category: Innovation Award

Archie leads the experiential arm of the company, Pavegen LIVE, to deliver powerful brand experiences for a number of global clients including Coca-Cola, Shell, Adidas, and Nissan. His experience in planning and delivering high-profile events across the globe stemmed from his time at M&C Saatchi - where he worked with Paddy Power, Peroni & EE.

Ann Robinson, Freelance, Independent Consumer Champion
Category: Customer Focus Award

Ann is an Independent Energy Consumer Champion. She has been a senior Civil Servant, CEO of a major charity, led a retail trade body and in 2000 set up the Gas and Electricity Consumer Council, energywatch. She currently works as a consultant on consumer matters and is a member of Ofwat’s Advisory Panel on its next Price Review.

Paul Buxton, Vice President, Energy, Utilities & Telecoms at CGI
Category: Rising Star Award

Paul joined CGI through the acquisition of Logica in 2012, having been with the business since 1999 when he joined as a new graduate. During this time he has led international teams to deliver infrastructure, application and BPO services and IT transformation programmes for energy and utility clients. Today, Paul leads CGI’s Energy Networks business where he is accountable for the delivery of services, projects and consulting engagements across a portfolio of clients.
Adriana Laguna-Estopier, Low Carbon Technologies & External Engagement Senior Manager, UK Power Networks

Category: Team of the Year Award

Adriana oversees innovation projects on electrification of transport, small scale generation, storage and energy efficiency. Last year she led the delivery of Smarter Network Storage, the first multipurpose grid-scale storage in the UK, a 6MW/10MWh battery. She also worked in the Ministry of Energy in Mexico helping design the country’s first Renewable Energy Programme.

Nigel Fine, chief executive of IET

Category: Engineer of the Year Award

Before Nigel’s appointment as Chief Executive and Secretary of the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) in June 2009 his professional career has been with Experian Plc where he was a member of the Global Operating Board and Managing Director for all operations in EMEA and Asia Pacific. Before this, he was an Associate Partner at Andersen Consulting (Accenture), responsible for setting up and running outsourced client operations in Procurement and Logistics.

Stephen Littlechild University of Cambridge and Emeritus Professor, University of Birmingham

Category: Academic Achievement Award

Stephen is Fellow at Judge Business School, Cambridge University, and Emeritus Professor at Birmingham University, where he has previously held posts as Professor of Commerce, a member of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, Director General of Electricity Supply and head of the Office of Electricity Regulation and non-executive Member of the Postal Services Commission.
Brian Wharmby, Energy Consultant
Category: Academic Achievement Award

Brian Wharmby is an energy consultant and chartered engineer. He has a wide range of experience in electricity supply, manufacturing, consultancy and regulation, with over 45 years in the energy sector. He was Technical Director of Ofgem from 1990 to 2001 and since then has been an independent consultant advising on technology and regulation in more than 25 countries worldwide.

Stephen Lambert, Market Segment Leader and Energy Partner at EY
Category: EY YEP of the Year Award

Stephen is a Partner in EY’s Advisory Services Practice and leads the energy sector (O&G, P&U and Mining) for EY in the UK. He has over 25 years industry and advisory experience, including work in oil & gas, energy and chemicals. Engagements have included strategic cost reviews, post-merger integration and programme leadership of complex, multi-initiative, multinational business transformations.
Innovation Award shortlist

Matthew Macleod, Engineer (Rotating Plant), SSE

Matthew joined SSE directly from university in September 2012. His responsibilities, initially as a Renewable Asset Engineer, and now as a Rotating Plant Engineer have been to provide the Wholesale Generation business with technical support on engineering projects and maintenance works.

Alana Johnson, Products and Flexibility Manager, Dong Energy

After graduating in Mechanical Engineering Alana’s career focused on product development and energy management with experience at Rolls Royce, EDF Energy and DONG Energy. In her current role she leads a team which enables businesses to optimise energy consumption to ensure the UK energy system adapts to an increasing proportion of renewable generation.

Ben Smith, Product Development Executive, EDF Energy

Ben joined EDF Energy as a Sustainability Graduate in 2014. Enjoying commercial projects, he became interested in innovative revenue streams so joined the innovation hub, ‘Blue-Lab’. Having enjoyed proposition development, he joined business development, advancing the Demand Side Response product. He is now focussing on developing products for large businesses.
Customer Focus Award shortlist

**Sarah Stainthorpe, Compliance Executive, EDF Energy**

Sarah has worked for EDF Energy since 2010 as an Advisor, Team Performance Coach, Team Manager within Customer Services; Regulatory Compliance Advisor/Compliance Co-ordinator. In her current role as Compliance Executive she manages the compliance issues process across Customer Operations/Sales & Marketing ensuring they do the right thing for our customers.

**Hannah Brett, Senior Communications Officer, Corporate Communications, SGN Gas Ltd**

Before SGN, Hannah worked in the charity sector. She joined SGN as an external communications officer in 2012 and was promoted to a senior officer role in 2017, where she led on brand advisory, created communication plans for community initiatives and led on preparing proactive plans for main replacement projects.

**Amie Harding, Senior Consumer Vulnerability Manager, British Gas**

Amie joined British Gas as an intern in 2010 and has worked there ever since. In 2014 she joined the newly established Consumer Vulnerability team, helping to drive continuous improvement in the business for customers who need additional help, and working to make British Gas a leader in the field.
Rising Star Award shortlist

Andrew Crossland, Energy Storage Specialist & Founder of MyGridGB, Solarcentury & MyGridGB

After earning a PhD from Durham University in 2014, Andrew worked at Tesla and Network Rail before commencing his career at Solarcentury as their Energy Storage Specialist. He built a residential solar PV and battery storage offering for IKEA and helped to win a tender to build two multi-megawatt microgrids and the two largest batteries in East Africa. Andrew also built and manages the energy information service MyGridGB.

Rachael Chambers, Development Officer, UK Power Reserve

After taking a BSc in Geography and an MSc in Earth Sciences, Rachael worked on academic projects in the Netherlands and at the European Space Agency. In 2016 Rachael joined UK Power Reserve where she works as a Development Officer and is involved in the planning process of new sites.

Michael Ashcroft, Innovation Strategy Manager, National Grid

Michael is responsible for developing new innovation projects and for coordinating electricity storage activities within the system operator at National Grid. He was Managing Director of a technology intelligence startup, having advised governments on innovation policy at the Carbon Trust and studied physics and environmental technology at Imperial College London.
Engineer of the Year Award shortlist

Quentin Scrimshire, Supervisor - Project Engineering, Centrica

Quentin joined the Centrica Engineering Graduate Programme in 2014. Since March 2016 he has been working on one of the largest grid-connected battery technology projects in the world, the 49MW Roosecote Battery Energy Storage Project. Quentin’s job is to ensure that all aspects of design, installation and commissioning are of a high quality, reasonable cost and meet Centrica’s expectations for safety.

Hamza Haroon, Control & Instrumentation Engineer, EDF Energy

Hamza joined EDF Energy as a placement student in 2010, then the graduate scheme in 2012. In 2013, he joined the Control & Instrumentation (C&I) Systems branch as a C&I Engineer. He is currently the Lead C&I Engineer for the Heysham/Hartlepool gas turbine control systems replacement project; also supporting STEM activities.

Kosta Nazaruk, Senior Project Engineer, Centrica

Kosta is a Chartered Member of the ImechE with a 2:1 in Civil/Structural Engineering Bradford University and 2:1 in Oil/Gas Enterprise Management MSc Aberdeen University. His experience in the energy industry spans over seven years, ranging from conceptual pre-FEED work to detailed design, operations support, commissioning, offshore execution and decommissioning.
Team of the Year Award shortlist

Protection Design - Settings, Siemens

The Protection Settings team is part of Siemens energy management, larger transmission solution department, based in Renewable Energy Engineering Centre in Manchester. Team member’s roles include designing new relay protection functions and settings for windfarms and the transmission network in the UK. Their key experiences include six offshore windfarms and one HVDC project.

Customer Service Apprenticeship Team, Centrica

This Centrica team is made up of individuals all under the age of 20 who successfully secured a Customer Service Apprenticeship at Scottish Gas in August 2016. The programme runs for 54 weeks and provides Centrica with the opportunity to develop the skills and behaviours employers’ value while gaining a nationally recognised qualification.

Customers Operating Model Project – HR, EDF Energy

There are 10 members of EDF’s HR team. Nine are in various HR positions within EDF energy customers or corporate businesses including roles in HR business partnering, recruitment, leadership and redeployment. The team also includes a Business Analyst. Their energy industry experience ranges from one year to 10 years.
Academic Achievement Award shortlist

Claire Canning, University of Edinburgh

Claire has a background in marine biology and conservation and is in the final year of an engineering doctorate in offshore renewable energy at the University of Edinburgh. She is undertaking a three-year industrial placement with EDF Energy, researching the effects of corrosion and biofouling on offshore wind turbine foundations.

Sam Hampton, University of Oxford

Sam’s PhD research focuses on energy policy for small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs). He holds a geography degree from Oxford University, in which he ranked top in his year group (2008). As a sustainability consultant (2008-2013), Sam advised large corporates and ran low-carbon grant programmes for SMEs (2013-2015).

Kiron Neale, University of Oxford

Kiron is a 2012 graduate of the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus in Trinidad where he majored in geography as well as Environmental and Natural Resource Management. His current research at the University of Oxford focuses on the interactions between culture and policy, and how they can influence the mainstreaming of household solar energy in small, tropical islands.
EY YEP of the Year Award shortlist

Deian Ashworth, UK VPP Products Lead, Centrica

After completing Centrica’s analyst graduate programme, Deian now works as a Product Development Manager, leading on the development of new DSR and VPP capability in the UK for Centrica’s distributed energy and power business. Deian was selected as one of the top five young talents at European Utility Week 2016.

Ee Jane Low, Fuel Route System Engineer, EDF Energy

Ee Jane is a system engineer supporting safe and reliable fuel handling operations on two nuclear power stations, namely Hinkley Point B and Hunterston B. She is also the co-founder and co-chair of the EDF Energy Young Professionals Network.

Joe McDonald, Head of Business Development, Limejump Limited

At 27 and with a background in law, Joe spent the last four years in the technology sector covering sales, strategy and contract negotiation. Joe moved into the Energy Industry at Limejump two-and-a-half years ago. During this time Joe has delivered 80 percent of Limejump’s growth, generating revenues of over £18,000,000.

Tilly Spencer, Programme Manager - Nuclear Island Common Engineering, EDF Energy

Tilly has held different roles on Hinkley Point C: technical lead of a multi-billion construction contract, manager of a large engineering team, Project Manager of the main engineering contract. She is currently Programme Manager responsible for a programme of significant organisational and contractual change critical to Nuclear New Build.
Thank you

The Young Energy Professionals Forum would like to thank EY as our principal sponsor for their continued support of the Forum and the annual Awards ceremony. We would also like to extend our gratitude to members of the YEP Forum’s Steering Committee and their supporting organisations for all their efforts throughout the year. Without the work of young energy professionals themselves, the Forum would not be the success it is today. Their continued effort to go above and beyond their day jobs is an inspiration to us all.

What type of events does the YEP Forum host?

The YEP Forum hosts many events throughout the year, the most recent being our second YEP site visit of 2017 to Sizewell B on 9 June. 28 YEPs made their way to the Suffolk Coast to tour one of the most prominent nuclear reactor plants in the UK. YEPs had the opportunity to not only learn of the risks associated with working on such a site (and the many health and safety precautions) but they also had the chance to hug the generators which housed turbines spinning three times the speed of sound!

If you are interested in future YEP events, such as our site visits, or our topical Forums, our awards or becoming more involved with the Forum’s activities email us at YEPForum@energy-uk.org.uk

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