

Business Case for Attendance at Nuclear Institute Professionals Conference 2026

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Location: Manchester

Executive Summary

This business case proposes attendance at the Nuclear Professionals Conference 2026, a one-day event bringing together over 500 nuclear professionals from across technical and non-technical disciplines. The conference supports professional development, leadership capability, wellbeing, and cross-sector collaboration, aligning directly with organisational priorities around workforce capability, engagement, and retention.

This conference delivers measurable workforce impact by developing future leaders, leading brand insights, and building cross-industry insight and influence in one high-value investment.

Value delivered by the conference

1. HR/Learning & Development - Leadership and professional skills development, CPD-aligned learning, improved retention and succession planning.
2. Marketing / Communications – Leading brand insights, industry positioning on workforce skills, relationship building and insight into sector-wide best practice.
3. Professional Development - Career progression support, chartership-relevant CPD, expanded professional networks and peer recognition.

Strategic Alignment

Attendance aligns with the National Nuclear Strategic Plan for Skills and organisational objectives relating to continuous improvement, safety culture, leadership development, diversity and inclusion, and workforce resilience.

Professional Development Benefits

The conference delivers CPD-accredited workshops and interactive learning across seven themed zones: Leadership, Career Development, Technology, Nuclear Business Services, Mental Health & Wellbeing, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, and Networking & Mentoring.

Organisational Benefits

Delegates will return with enhanced skills, practical tools, expanded professional networks, links to a mentor and up-to-date insight into sector best practice and innovation, supporting improved performance and retention.

Return on Investment

The event provides a concentrated learning and networking opportunity in a single day, maximising value and designed to deliver value across HR/Learning & Development, Marketing/Communications and Professional Development budgets, enabling organisations to achieve multiple objectives through a single conference.

Recommendation

Approval is recommended as attendance represents a cost-effective investment in professional development, leadership capability, and sector engagement.