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# Message from the YGN Chair



Hello everyone and thank you for joining us for YGN Festival Week, hosted in Partnership with the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) Group.

We hope that this event will help you to connect with your YGN community and throughout the week we will hear stories from across the industry, celebrating the achievements of young nuclear professionals in shaping the future. We will hear about nuclear technology's role in global sustainable development and meeting our climate change commitments. And we will showcase the inspiring opportunities in UK nuclear.

I have to say, it hasn't quite been the year that I expected when I stepped in as Chair, but I am incredibly proud of the YGN Strategic Committee, our subcommittees and wider YGN community for being agile and pivoting to enable us to sustain and even enhance the levels of engagement we have had with our members despite the constraints upon us. To highlight just a few examples, in recent months the YGN has:

- Launched the Chain Reaction Series, an educational outreach platform which features real people doing 'kitchen cupboard' science as a way to nurture stronger relationships between STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) industries
- Supported the recruitment of the first ever Next Gen Nuclear Industry Council
- Launched the YGN Futuresight series on LinkedIn and we have made significant contribution to the NI's Nuclear Future Journal
- Launched the NI YGN Future of Work special interest group.
- Ran our first ever fully virtual national speaking competition, where we were all inspired by the quality of the talks and the abilities of the speakers to engage their audience and communicate complex topics via the virtual platform
- Appointed a brilliant team to lead on the YGN's advocacy activities in the run-up to our attendance at COP 26, the UN climate change summit in 2021
- Held our first ever virtual AGM And of course this week, we are holding our first ever fully virtual annual event.

# Message from the YGN Chair

So we have a lot to be proud of and by doing things differently, have even discovered new and better ways to do things in the future. I would like to say a personal thank you to all of our committee members, their teams and our wider networks of volunteers and supporters who have made 2020 such a success.

And during 2020, the YGN has continued to represent the voice of young people in the UK through our involvement in the Nuclear Skills Strategy Group and Next Gen Nuclear Industry Council and on the international stage by engaging with the European Nuclear Society and International Youth Nuclear Congress.

In this year of significant firsts, we are grateful to the NDA Group of companies, who are the YGN's first ever Industry Partner, a relationship that demonstrates a commitment by the UK Nuclear Industry to the YGN's mission to encourage, develop and inspire young nuclear professionals, and to ensure their voice is heard in shaping the future of our sector.

For those in their early careers, the YGN provides a platform to build personal and professional networks as part of a nuclear community. Through our activities, we bring together professionals to support them in their development, connect people, provide an insight to other industry activities, and help to enthuse the wider public about the many benefits of nuclear technology. Of course, the YGN is just the first step on your career journey, as you work towards Professional Membership and Registration with the NI, as the professional body for the UK nuclear industry.

Each day of Festival Week is themed, and we are grateful to our day sponsors: Orano, Mott MacDonald, NSG, Urenco Nuclear Stewardship and Energus. Thank you also to Amentum for sponsoring this digital brochure. Thanks go to the fantastic organising team who have worked tirelessly to bring you this event, with the support of Marick. And I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers who continue to support the YGN.

Later in the week we will hear from NI President, Gwen Parry-Jones, about the future of the Nuclear Institute and the importance of the NI and YGN to the talent pipeline that is so essential to the achievement of our collective ambitions across legacy and new build missions.

Finally, I am very pleased to hand over leadership of the YGN to Hannah Paterson from Sellafield Ltd, who will be your Chair for 2021. Hannah has been instrumental in establishing the NDA Industry Partnership, and in developing our plans for COP 26, and I look forward to seeing her lead the YGN into a bright future of inspiring opportunities for young nuclear professionals.

Rob Ward YGN Chair 2020

# Overview

Monday 16th

The Voice of Young People



Following opening speeches from the YGN and our new Industry Partner we will hear from Young People in leading roles within the UK and international nuclear community

Tuesday 17th

Net Zero



Discussions around nuclear energy's role in the future low carbon energy system, and a chance to hear about the YGN's clean energy advocacy activities in the run-up to COP26 in 2021.

Wednesday 18th

Intro to...



Teasers of our Intro to seminars scheduled for 2021. Topics will include New Build & Power Generation, Regulation, and Waste Management.

Thursday 19th

Career Development



A day of innovative virtual networking and career support including an exclusive opportunity to experience a new personal development programme for the nuclear industry.

Friday 20th

Shaping the Future



Hear from the YGNers shaping the future of our sector. The winner of the YGN Prize and YGN Excellence Prize will also be announced.

# Monday 16th November

### YGN Festival Week: The Voice of Young People (opening session)

09:30 - 10:45

Join us for the launch of the first ever YGN Festival Week in partnership with the NDA Group. Following a keynote address by NDA CEO David Peattie, hear from senior NDA leaders and current and former YGNers about why this partnership is so important for the future of the nuclear industry and how young people are already doing great things across the NDA estate. Also a chance to hear more about the events taking place during the week.



Rob Ward YGN Chair



Hannah Paterson YGN Vice-Chair



David Peattie NDA



Corhyn Parr NDA



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### **Generation 2050**

12:00 - 13:00

This session will explore the views of young people around the world about the role of nuclear technology in sustainable development, covering topics from clean energy to global development. Participants will have access to initial findings of the Energy Institute Generation 2050 global survey followed by a chance to hear YGN National Speaking Competition winner Allan Simpson's inspiring talk on "humanising nuclear energy".



Kirsty Gogan LucidCatalyst / TerraPraxis



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Ed Walker AECOM



Allan Simpson NNL



Rob Ward YGN Chair

### **Ensuring the future of nuclear by NextGen NIC**

### 15:00 - 16:00

Branding, Marketing, Relationships, Workforce and Outreach/STEM are key elements to enable the future of nuclear energy. Hear and interact with the NextGen NIC's plans to ensure we drive the industry forward as leaders of tomorrow.



Georgia Pawson Next Gen NIC



Emily Newton Next Gen NIC



Jake Tudge Next Gen NIC



Ruth Sellick Next Gen NIC



Callum Thomas Next Gen NIC



Anna Tyler-Revell Next Gen NIC

# Tuesday 17th November

### Net-Zero 2050: Why, How, What?

### 10:00 - 10.45

A panel session with speakers from across energy generation to allow us to ask why, how and what, to meet Net-Zero 2050.



Dr David Cole Atkins / SNC-Lavalin



Sally Shenton Generating Better

### **Changing the Nuclear Narrative #COP26**

### 13:00 - 14:30

Join Eric Meyer who has led nuclear activism and seen the enormous changes in the conversation alongside other nuclear advocates from the UK for an interactive discussion on how we collectively change the nuclear narrative in the lead up to COP26. The most ambitious, internationally agreed, climate change targets to date have been made at the COP conferences. The Paris Agreement started at COP21 and is the most important piece of climate legislation ever created. Nuclear energy has had an incredible journey, from deciding at COP6 that nuclear energy wasn't viable to conversations at COP24 leading to Poland's newfound nuclear ambitions.



Eric Meyer Generation Atomic



Veronika Struharova New Nuclear Watch Institute



Troy Fielder Friends of Nuclear Energy

### **An Audience With Zion Lights (YGN members only)**

### 17:30 - 19:00

Earlier this year, Zion Lights, a former Extinction Rebellion (XR) UK spokesperson left the environmental group to campaign for nuclear power. Now the director of the UK branch of Environmental Progress, Zion has become somewhat of a celebrity in the pro-nuclear community, featuring prominently in the news and speaking at various events about her reasons for leaving XR. In this online event, you will get to hear more about Zion's background as a passionate climate action activist, why she believes nuclear is essential to achieving net-zero and how we can better promote and communicate about nuclear power beyond the nuclear industry. This event is limited to 30 attendees in order to facilitate an interactive Q&A. You must be a YGN member to register.



Zion Lights Environmental Progress

# Wednesday 18th November

### **Introduction to New Build & Power Generation**

9:00 - 10:00

This exciting session will introduce delegates to the importance of new build programs within nuclear, as well as a more detailed look at the MEH install phase of Hinkley Point C.



Titot Prayoga EDF Energy



Ross Murison EDF Energy

### **Introduction to Waste Management**

13:00 - 14:00

Waste Management is one of the more complex sides of our industry. This popular session will focus on the unique challenges faced when decommissioning nuclear sites and give an overview of the process.



Dr Rebecca Weston Sellafield Ltd



Lisa Maxwell Sellafield Ltd

### **Introduction to Regulation**

16:00 - 17:00

This session will provide an overview of the objectives, past and present, of ONR's work to develop its capability and capacity to regulate areas such as Advanced Nuclear Technologies (ANTs). With the exciting development of new technology within our industry, the ONR needs to adapt to ensure that their inspectors have in-depth knowledge of Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) and Advanced Modular Reactors (AMRs).



Douglas Styles ONR



Rebecca Thorington ONR

# Thursday 19th November

### **Virtual Coffee Roulette**

12:00 - 13:00

Join our virtual networking session where you will be randomly matched to another nuclear professional from the thriving young nuclear professional community in the UK. Make a new connection and share learning across organisations over this informal coffee break.

### **Leadership and Development Seminar**

13:00 - 15:00

This session is aimed at young professionals who are looking to develop their career by moving into leadership positions. A selection of presentations and interactive sessions will offer tools and techniques to help you take the next steps towards success in your career.



Julianne Antrobus PA Consulting



Tom Keegan DBD Ltd



Mike Roberts Atkins / SNC-Lavalin



Jacq Longrigg NDA

### "Becoming Me" with Andrew Sherry (YGN members only)

### 17:30 - 19:00

Everyone's career journey follows its own unique pathway, but in some ways, they are not so different. We all want to understand who we are and what we are made to do, so that our career plays to our passions and our proficiency. In this session, Professor Andrew Sherry will use examples from his own career to illustrate this journey of discovery, and will introduce simple techniques that will help us all to understand ourselves better and so find the best career pathway for us. Based on the new Becoming Me... programme, the evening will involve group work and sharing. It will be stimulating, interesting and above all fun!



Prof Andrew Sherry NNL

# Friday 20th November

### **Shaping the Future**

### 10:00 - 11:30

With an ageing workforce, how do we ensure that the future workforce is fit for the changing demands of the Nuclear Industry? Hear perspectives from recruitment, a strategic group for skills and STEM ambassadors, and how all three will help shape and influence the future of the Nuclear workforce.



Priya Hira Nucleargraduates



Miguel Trenkel Lopez CurieUs Games & Magnox



Annalise Beddard NSSG



Anna Byrne Nucleargraduates

### **Closing Session: Shaping the Future**

### 12:00 - 13:00

A celebration of Festival Week and the YGN community. A keynote address from NI President and Magnox CEO, Gwen Parry-Jones, followed by the award of the YGN Prize to a long-standing champion of young people in the industry, and the YGN Excellence Prize to someone who has gone above and beyond in their early career in support of the YGN's mission.



Gwen Parry-Jones Magnox Ltd & Nuclear Institute



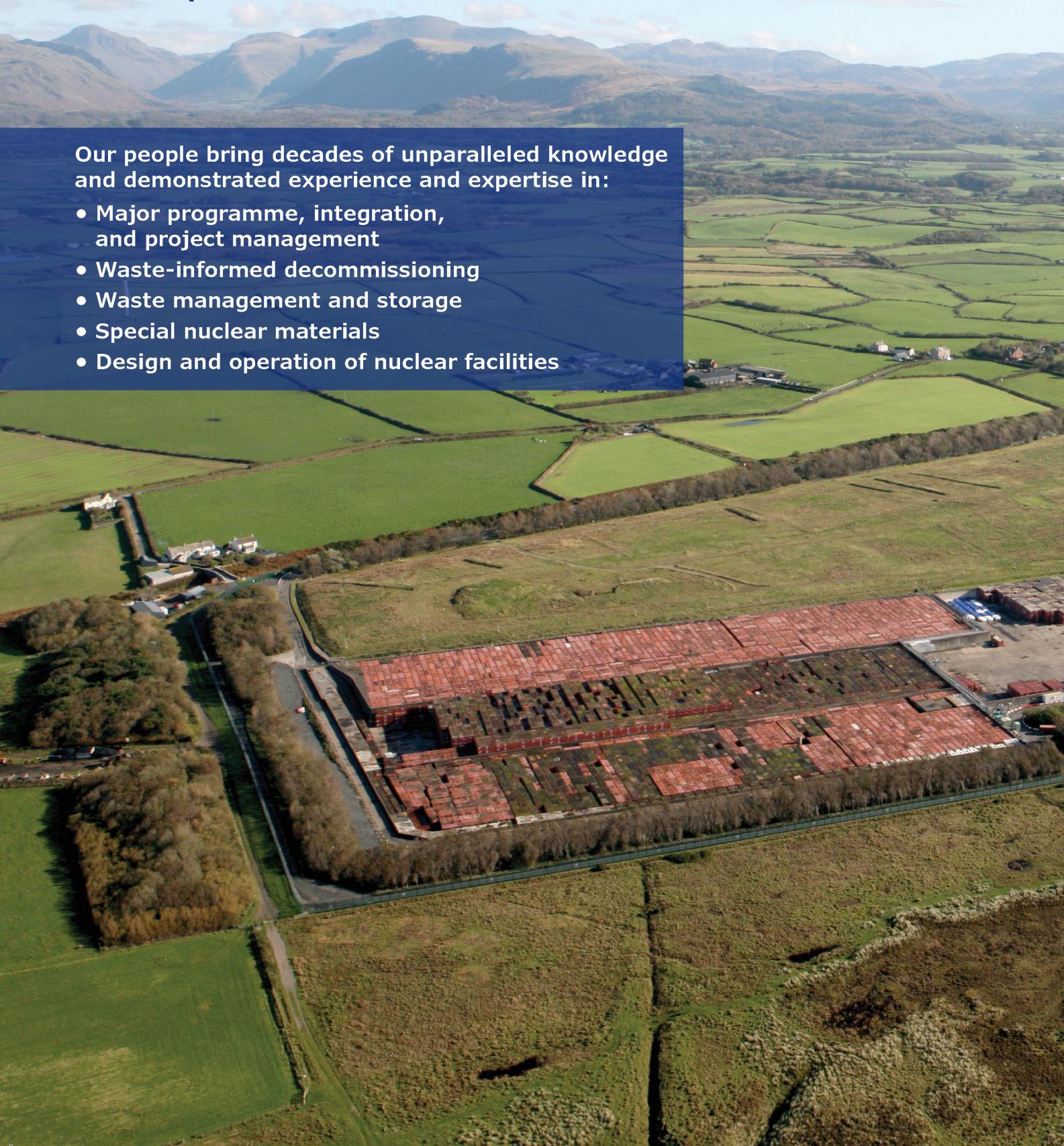
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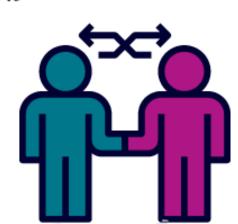
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