



## YOUR NGN NEWS UPDATE

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### Hydrogen Village Trial Update



Earlier this month, we learned that the Government has decided not to pursue Cadent's bid to host the first hydrogen village in Whitby, Ellesmere Port.

Redcar Hydrogen Community now remains the only possible location for the hydrogen village, which is a government initiative to supply around 2,000 homes and businesses with 100% hydrogen instead of natural gas for heating and cooking, for up to two years from 2025.

Cadent's proposal faced significant challenges from to a sustained community campaign, which ultimately led the Government to conclude that there was not enough public support to proceed.

Our plan has generated a small amount of local opposition, but we are confident the support of Redcar residents remains strong, thanks to building solid links with the community and the dedicated efforts of our Redcar-based customer team.

We also continue to have the full backing of local council leaders and Redcar MP Jacob Young, who tweeted on Monday evening that our proposal has his 'full support', and that he believes the hydrogen village trial is vital and that Whitby residents were influenced by 'a campaign of mistruths'.

While this latest news is undoubtedly a positive step for our proposal, we have not yet been awarded the village trial yet.

Our bid was submitted at the end of March and since then discussions have been ongoing with the Department for Energy Security & Net Zero (DESNZ). We expect a final decision later this year

[Read more about the initiative](#)

## Keeping young people and their families safe.



Lucy R, aged six, from Wakefield and Betty F aged nine from Hexham, have won the regional prizes for the annual schools' carbon monoxide (CO) safety competition.

Organised by the UK's four gas distribution networks and supported by the Energy Networks Association, the competition calls for creative young people aged five to eleven to use their creative skills to help raise awareness of the dangers of CO.

We received some fantastic entries in this year's competition from school children, and clubs and organisations for young people.

Entries ranged from videos, presentations, posters, cartoons, and poems, all designed to warn of the dangers of the deadly gas, known as the 'silent killer' as it can't be seen, smelled, heard or tasted.

As NGN's regional winners, Betty and Lucy won £150 for themselves and £300 for their schools.

Lucy's fantastic video then went on to win the KS1 national round, securing £450 for herself and £900 for her school.

[Find out more](#)

## Get involved!

### NGN Annual Stakeholder Conference

The purpose of our 2023 online stakeholder conference, will be to seek feedback from key stakeholders such as yourself on a range of topics to meaningfully shape our business activities in the coming years, looking at energy as a whole, rather than focusing solely on gas.

Our annual conference gives stakeholders the opportunity to scrutinise the business, and to allow them to see the impact of their engagement and the progress on commitments we've made. It also creates an opportunity for challenge, allowing us to recheck our direction and focus and give us confidence that our focus is in the right areas, which in turn provides an opportunity for our whole stakeholder community to inform our business planning and activities for the coming year.

This year, we want the agenda for the event to be shaped by our stakeholders, and so we are asking you to choose which topics you would like to discuss when registering.

The conference will comprise a series of interactive discussion sessions with senior personnel, followed by an opportunity to ask questions directly, along with other industry representatives, in a dedicated Q&A session at the end of the conference.

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