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Your Northern Gas Networks News Update



Funding secured to explore hydrogen potential for clean energy transition

Northern Gas Networks (NGN) and its partners have successfully secured Ofgem funding of almost £500,000 for a Hydrogen Cost Reduction Programme (HyCoRe), to explore the role of hydrogen in reducing the upfront investment required to move to Net Zero.

NGN will be joined by several industry partners the Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE) Catapult, Kinewell Energy, Arup, University of Newcastle, Unasys, and National Gas Transmission. The HyCoRe project is one of thirty-six ground-breaking projects to have successfully secured over £16m of Ofgem funding from its Strategic Innovation Fund, which aims to drive the innovation needed to transform gas and electricity networks for a low-carbon future.

HyCoRe will provide evidence to demonstrate how hydrogen can be integrated into existing energy networks to reduce capital expenditure required to support net-zero transition by 2050 and is a significant step forward in better understanding gas and electrical grid alignment and how best to utilise offshore wind in future energy solutions.

HyCoRe partners and advisors will collaborate over the next six months and will focus on three key research areas. Once UK regions with strong potential for green hydrogen have been identified, the aim is for the hydrogen to be produced from offshore-wind and

injected into the onshore gas network, to offer a more economic and deliverable solution than offshore wind farms producing electricity directly.

Find out more - <https://www.northerngasnetworks.co.uk/2024/01/16/funding-secured-to-explore-hydrogen-potential-for-clean-energy-transition/>

Get Involved



Help us to shape our next business plan together

At Northern Gas Networks we have a continuous programme of engagement where we talk to our regulators, government, stakeholders and customers to find out what's important to you.

As well as delivering on our existing promises, we're now busy planning for the next five year contract with our regulator, Ofgem, known as RIIO-GD3. This will begin on 1 April 2026 and over the coming months, we'll be building on our ongoing engagement and giving you the opportunity to inform our next business plan which will set out the commitments that we plan to deliver for our customers from 2026 – 2031. We want these plans to make a positive difference to communities for generations to come.

We really want to hear your feedback and understand what's most important to you and there will be plenty of opportunities to get involved in helping to shape our shared priorities and commitments to our customers.

Keep posted to our monthly e-bulletin for more information and sign up to take part on our together website where we'll be publishing all the opportunities to get involved.

If you have a burning issue that you'd like to discuss with us, or you'd just like to let us know that you want to be involved, sign up now - <https://together.northerngasnetworks.co.uk/our-business-plan-2021-2026/>

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Join our CIVS Hot Topic Workshop!



Heading into this new year, Northern Gas Networks is continuing to meet regularly with a wide range of stakeholders. **On 6th February at 10am, we will be holding our first hot topic workshop of 2024**, where we will be looking at meeting vulnerability support demands.

The workshop agenda is as follows:

Vulnerability team and business updates

GD3 consultation:

Overview of consultation process and NGN engagement plans

Overview of vulnerability focused questions asked by Ofgem

Jam board discussion – Thoughts around level of funding for GD3 period

Partner Spotlight – Grace Murray, South Tees Hospital

Breakout session – Challenges with capacity and on the frontline

Summary and close

We would be delighted if you could join us at this Customers in Vulnerable Situations Workshop, which will be **held via Zoom**.

Please register for the workshop via the link below by **5pm on Thursday 1st February**.

Sign up - <https://together.northerngasnetworks.co.uk/events/customers-in-vulnerable-situations-hot-topic-workshop3/?>

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