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Your Northern Gas Networks News Update



NGN develops the next generation of energy sector talent

Northern Gas Networks (NGN), is developing the next generation of talent at a vital time for the energy sector as it gets ready to transition to net zero.

With climate change one of the biggest issues to face future generations, an apprenticeship is one way to be at the heart of the solution to the problem and to help shape the future of energy.

NGN currently employs over 80 apprentices throughout the North East, Yorkshire and northern Cumbria and aims to have 100 apprentices working for the organisation as part of its 2,000 strong team by 2026.

First launched in 2005, NGN's apprentice programme has expanded over the years to offer academic training and on-the-job learning for both operational and back-office roles, with opportunities spanning engineering as well as business administration, HR, communications, operational training, gas connections and finance roles.

Last year NGN introduced Degree Apprenticeships, with four employees currently benefiting from a paid-for degree while getting valuable industry experience and at the same time earning a salary.

As an anchor company embedded in the region that we serve, we have a responsibility to make a positive difference to the lives of people living and working in the North of England. That includes improving access to good employment opportunities and supporting people to develop sustainable skills to help them prosper and thrive in their careers and life.

Mark began his own career at 16 as an apprentice cable jointer with the then North Eastern Electricity Board in York. Upon finishing his four-year apprenticeship, he began work as an electrical craftsman before progressing to senior leadership roles.

To find out more, click the image above.



Bradford students create Net Zero Island in 'Dragon's Den' style challenge

Students from schools across Bradford have taken up the challenge of creating a Net Zero Island at a special event hosted at the University of Bradford

The challenge, set by Northern Gas Networks (NGN) in partnership with the University of Bradford, Bechtel and the Skills House will see teams of year nine students, aged 13 and 14, develop ideas for sustainable living on a fictional Net Zero island.

The teams of up to five will explore how they would produce energy for heating and cooking, manage waste and fuel transport for a population of 30,000, without creating carbon emissions.

The UK government has set a target of achieving Net Zero carbon emissions by 2050 as it looks to tackle and reverse the effects of climate change on the environment.

Dave Rockett, Net Zero Educator at NGN said 'Achieving Net Zero is a huge and complex challenge and world leaders are grappling with how it can be achieved. Judging by the enthusiasm I've seen today, our young people are well equipped to help with the task and propose thoughtful and innovative solutions. I look forward to supporting them and seeing their ideas develop'.

Following the launch, the teams will evolve their ideas, with the support of NGN mentors and present their plans to judges in the style of Dragon's Den on 17th April.

The pupils taking part attend Dixons Trinity, Lightcliffe Academy, Woodhouse Grove, and St Bede's and St Joseph's schools in the city.

To find out more, click the image above.

Get Involved



Launching our Young Innovators Council 2024

This month, saw the launch of our Young Innovators Council (YIC) for 2024, which also marks the fourth consecutive year of YIC.

This was the first meeting since onboarding 32 new young members from across our network, and we used the session to help everyone to understand NGN's role and to allow the group to agree a set of common guidelines for the YIC to use in conversation.

We also took the opportunity to discuss some of NGN's environmental responsibilities and commitments and the YIC provided feedback on NGN's approach to decarbonising our vehicle fleet. We wanted to know what the young people thought was the most responsible thing to do to minimise climate impact by 2026 and 2030, and we garnered some very valuable insights which will help to shape our future focus and direction.

We are currently working to collate a report to summarise the outputs from the workshop, which will be available to download from together.northerngasnetworks.co.uk, shortly.

Last year was full of meaningful engagement, giving young people the opportunity to share their perspectives and helping to make sure that their thoughts and opinions are at the heart of the business' decision making. We can't wait to see what this year brings for our young innovators.

If you'd like to find out more, and see what they got up to last year, please click the image above.

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