



# Utility Week Wales energy conference

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# **Expert speakers include:**



Prys Davies
Deputy director,
energy, water
& flood
Welsh
Government



Graham Edwards
Chief executive
officer
Wales &
West Utilities



Greg Evans
Safety &
generation
director
Horizon Nuclear
Power



Mike Unsworth
Director of
construction
& engineering
Tidal Lagoon
Power



**Dr Mike Pedley** Head of energy Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water



Chris Clarke
Director of asset
management
and HS&E
Wales &
West Utilities



David Jones Chief executive officer Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum; director Marine Energy Wales



**David Club**Director
Renewable UK
Cymru

The only dedicated event for energy generation, retail and networks stakeholders in Wales

# This conference will provide you with:

- Updates on the future of energy networks from Ofgem
- Details of the Government's priorities for Wales' energy sector
- Case studies on the most effective carbon and cost reduction initiatives

- Cutting-edge developments in energy generation from tidal, nuclear and more
- Innovative ways to drive energy developments in Wales
- A strategic view of where Wales' energy sector is globally













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The energy industry in Wales is innovative and forward thinking, with a unique set of challenges and opportunities that make it an exciting part of the UK.

Utility Week is bringing together the sector's stakeholders to take a fresh look at Wales' energy mix, as decarbonisation, storage and sustainability are reshaping the landscape. How will the regulator drive competition that will stimulate innovation for better services and tariffs? How will networks adapt to the flexibility that will be required to meet future demands? And finally, how will Wales ensure low-carbon, sustainable supply for the long-term?

For those outside of Wales looking in, whether from the rest of the UK or other global stakeholders in energy, the investment in new technologies and renewables is stirring much interest as the country has the potential to become a beacon of best practice.

The **Utility Week Wales Energy Conference** offers you a unique chance to join us and other leaders as we address policy, case studies, renewables developments and the future of Wales' energy mix at a critical time for the UK.



Ellen Bennett

Ellen Benne Editor Utility Week

### Who should attend?

The Utility Week Wales
Energy Conference brings
together energy generation,
retail, networks, and
government professionals
in Wales. It will be of
particular interest to CEOs,
COOs, directors, heads and
managers responsible for:

- Policy
- Regulation
- Strategy
- Innovation
- Finance & investment
- Renewables/ nuclear/ tidal/ marine/ solar/ wind

- Future networks
- Demand management/ response
- Asset management, innovation and engineering
- Commercial development
- Grid operations/ smart grids/ future grids
- Low carbon/ climate change

# This event will also be of interest to:

- Contractors & suppliers
- Government
- Regulators
- NGOs & charities

# Agenda

(subject to change)

08:45 Conference registration, refreshments & exhibition

09:20 Welcome from the conference chair Prof Ron Loveland, Energy adviser to the Welsh Government

### POLICY, REGULATION & INVESTMENT PLANS

09:25 The Welsh Government's priorities for energy in Wales Prys Davies, Deputy director, energy, water & flood, Welsh Government

09:45 Ofgem's regulatory priorities for energy in Wales and beyond

• Driving innovation for future energy networks **Geoffrey Randall**, Associate partner, gas networks, **Ofgem** 

10:05 Gas networks supporting customers now and in the future Graham Edwards, Chief executive officer,
Wales & West Utilities

10:25 Economic, efficient and low carbon – investing in the future energy system for Wales

- Advancing a zero carbon energy system
  - Innovating in Wales' energy future
  - Utilising risk management to drive effective investment **David Wright**, Director of electricity transmission in the UK & group chief engineer for electricity, **National Grid**

10:45 How our SP Energy Networks plans will secure the future of energy for North Wales

- Overview of SPEN's investments to prepare our network for the next 50 years of energy use in North Wales
- The innovative ANGLE-DC project: delivering to connect further generation on Anglesey
- Highlighting the policy changes that need to happen at UK level to prepare Wales properly for the future

Stephen Stewart, SP Manweb director, SP Energy Networks

11:05 Panel questions & answers

11:15 Refreshments, networking & exhibition

# RENEWABLES, REGENERATION & NEW ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

11:45 The future of tidal energy: lessons from Tidal Lagoon Swansea

- The story so far: challenges and opportunities
- New technologies and project trials
- The future of tidal energy

**Mike Unsworth**, Director of construction & engineering, **Tidal Lagoon Power** 

12:05 The fundamentals for nuclear as part of the UK/Wales energy mix: a policy, regulation and investment perspective:

- The need for new nuclear in Wales low-carbon, secure and affordable
- Understanding Horizon's licensing strategy
- How Wylfa Newydd power station will create high-quality employment and investment

**Greg Evans**, Safety & generation director, **Horizon Nuclear Power** 

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### 12:25 Renewables, regeneration & new energy technologies

- Evaluating real options to solve the energy trilemma based on real data
- Demonstrating how wind, nuclear, tidal and green gas can be balanced to deliver a greener future
- Exploring cost estimates and the impact on customer bills for the end to end energy delivery out to 2050

Chris Clarke, Director of asset management & HS&E, Wales & West Utilities

# 12:45 Marine energy in Wales – capturing a leading role in a global export market

- Case studies of Pembrokeshire
- Learning from the Canadian marine sector
- The future of marine energy

David Jones, Chief executive officer,

**Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum**;

Director, Marine Energy Wales

# 13:05 Questions & panel discussion: where are we in the global renewable-energy race?

Session speakers to be joined by:

David Club, Director, Renewable UK Cymru

13:15 Fork buffet lunch, networking & exhibition

### **INNOVATION & RESEARCH: CASE STUDIES**

### 14:15 Green gas & a low-carbon future

- Green gases and their role in a low-carbon future
- The current status of green gas and the challenges to get here
- What's next for green gas?

Ian Marshall, Green gas development manager,Wales & West Utilities

# 14:35 The impact of the FLEXIS project in Wales Professor Hywel Thomas, Pro vice-chancellor, Cardiff University

# 14:55 Learning from water: the future of embedded energy generation

- Optimisation and investment in energy efficiency and renewables
- Its role in carbon reduction initiatives
- Combining technologies to maximise benefit

Dr Mike Pedley, Head of energy, Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water

### 15:15 Panel questions & answers

15:25 Refreshments, networking & exhibition

# THE FUTURE OF ENERGY IN WALES

### 15:55 Enabling energy developments in Wales – the role of Natural Resources Wales

- · The role of NRW
- The legislative and policy context
- On-going and future work
- Future collaboration

**Keith Davies**, Planning, landscape, energy & climate change manager, **Natural Resources Wales** 

### 16:15 The 'Freedom Project' from September 2016 and beyond – an energy networks collaborative project

- Investigating the network, consumer and broader energy system implications of high-volume deployments of hybrid heat pumps in Bridgend, South Wales
- Developing the technology to combine domestic gas boiler and air-source heat pump heating
- Integrating fully flexible loads capable of providing significant energy system value

Faithful Chanda, Innovation & low carbon networks engineer, Western Power Distribution

### 16:35 Panel questions & answers

- What will continue to establish Wales as a pioneer in energy systems and delivering significant benefits to the Welsh economy?
- What impact will 'Brexit' have on research and innovation?
- How do we tackle major societal challenges from climate change to fuel poverty and rising energy prices?

Session speakers to be joined by:

Jeff Douglas, Strategy manager, Energy Systems Catapult James Yu, Future networks manager, SP Energy Networks

16:45 Closing remarks & end of Wales Energy Conference



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Network planner, SSE Power Distribution 'Interesting topics by enthusiastic speakers'

Innovation implementation engineer, Electricity North West 'Great knowledge sharing opportunity with useful networking links. There's definitely learning I can take away back to NG"

Customer & shareholder manager (transmission), National Grid



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