



## **NEWS RELEASE**

*YGN/Lord Hunt Event*  
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### **Energy Minister Backs Nuclear-Youth**

**ENERGY MINISTER LORD HUNT TODAY offered his personal support to the nuclear industry's Young Generation Network (YGN).**

Whilst undertaking a broader programme of events in Cumbria, Hunt took time out to meet a number of YGN members and thank them for: "Playing a major role in getting the message out" on new nuclear.

Commenting on the YGN - a 1000 strong association for young nuclear professionals - Lord Hunt noted: "Nuclear power will play an important part in our transition to a low carbon economy".

He also added: "New nuclear power stations could boost jobs, skills and the economy – here in Cumbria and across the country".

Vice-Chair of the YGN Alan Ruiz commented that: "To be recognised at such a high-level is a real testament to the work which has been done in the YGN over the past 14 years. We think we play a crucial role in the career development of young professionals throughout the industry".

He went on: "We are at the leading edge of a worldwide nuclear renaissance, and our members are playing a key role in ensuring that the industry retains and develops the key skills and strengths which the workforce of the future will need".

The event was held at the Sellafield Centre in Cumbria, and George Beveridge, Deputy Managing Director of Sellafield Ltd commented: "We were delighted to host the event. The YGN plays an important role in the nuclear industry, both locally and further afield. I was very pleased that Lord Hunt acknowledged its contribution and emphasised the importance of skills development and opportunities for young people within the industry".

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The YGN has been in existence for 14 years and currently consists of over 1000 members, for whom it promotes communication and activity with the many successful young generation networks worldwide.

The Nuclear Industry Association (NIA) is the trade association and representative voice of Britain's civil nuclear industry. It represents more than 185 companies including the operators and vendors of nuclear power stations, those engaged in decommissioning, waste management, nuclear liabilities management and all aspects of the nuclear fuel cycle, nuclear equipment suppliers, engineering and construction firms, nuclear research organisations, and legal, financial and consultancy companies. The Nuclear Industry Association supports a balanced low-carbon energy future for the UK including renewables, clean coal and gas – with nuclear at its low-carbon centre.