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The 2012 YGN Committee

2012 is going to be an exciting year for the YGN and the Nuclear Institute as a whole. Our membership is growing and our events are as popular as ever. I'm delighted to be the 2012 Chair and I'm committed to raising the bar, as Connor and past YGN Chairs have done. The committee have already been organising events for this year, with final arrangements taking place to confirm dates and locations.

I would like to welcome Chris Holland, Rav Ehamparadsan, Stephen Haraldsen, Hannah Grimsley and Nathan Paterson to the committee. Furthermore, for 2012 we also have two of the most active and dedicated YGN'ers as Vice Chairs. Leanne Hodgson from Sellafield Ltd and Monica Mwanje from DBD Ltd make for a strong leadership team for a very strong committee.

I'm in the process of updating the [YGN website](#) to ensure all of the committee are listed, each activity they will be organising is clear and you know who to contact if you wish to offer help or assistance.

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2012 Calendar

Simon Ramzi of AMEC, although not on the committee, volunteered to get involved and help out with some of our graphics and flyers for 2012. His first task has been to produce a new 2012 calendar. Please see [here](#).

The YGN and Social Media, follow us now!

We have recently put some extra effort into the website, our Linked In site, Facebook page and new Twitter site. At the top of the ebulletin are all of the links you need to find us and follow our activity. I encourage you to sign up and take part as we will shortly be advertising some fantastic opportunities to you all. We are also able to communicate with you more regularly but not by email (we all have enough!) and ensure you are kept up to date on our events, opportunities etc...

YGN Presents: An Introduction to Nuclear Energy Politics, April 2012, London.

YGN Presents An Introduction to Nuclear Energy Politics gives you an excellent opportunity to learn more about who sets the Energy Policy that impacts on us all in the UK. This 1 day seminar will focus on the politics behind energy and the reasons for the UK's current policy on nuclear energy. Located in Portcullis House, Westminster the seminar includes a tour of the House of Commons/Lords. There are several high profile speakers confirmed and will be finalised in coming days. Please check the YGN website [here](#) for updates. I'll let you know through Twitter and Facebook when we are taking bookings and as speakers are confirmed. I will also have a couple of free "helper" spaces open to students so please keep an eye on Facebook and Twitter for more information in coming weeks.

YGN Networking Event & Exhibition- February 7th, The Centre, Birchwood

Following the great success of this event earlier this year, we are holding it again in 2012. This is a free post-work event, design to allow you to get to know your colleagues throughout the industry, find out more about some of the organisations from the industry, and generally build and develop your network. The event starts at 4pm until 6pm with refreshments provided. If you would like more info please contact Monica on nwnetworking@nuclearinst-ygn.com. Please visit [here](#) for more information. Event poster available [here](#).

NI North West Branch YGN Question Time - February 7th, The Centre, Birchwood

The Question Time will focus on Wylfa / Anglesey Energy Island™. The Wylfa area is a hub for nuclear with existing nuclear generation, plans to extend the operational life of the existing reactors, decommissioning considerations and the plans by Horizon Nuclear Power to build approx 6GW of new nuclear generation. Speakers are being finalised and will be confirmed shortly. Refreshments from 6pm for Question Time starting at 6:30pm. Please visit [here](#) for more information.

Waste Management Symposium - February 26th – Mar 1, Phoenix AZ, USA

The YGN will be presenting at this international conference. If you are planning on attending this conference and want to meet the rest of the UK contingent, email chair@nuclearinst-ygn.com.

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An Audience with Steve McNally and Sean Sargent, Berkeley Centre, Feb 15, 18:30

You will hear from 2 leaders of our industry about their career paths. This will include an informal talk from each about the choices they made along the way followed by a round table discussion. This is your chance to ask questions about how you can carve a path to the top!! Event poster available [here](#).

Active or Prospective STEM Ambassador? We need your help

The YGN is currently looking at ways in which we can help get the nuclear message into schools and colleges and one such route is through STEM ambassadors. As an active STEM ambassador myself I'm keen to learn who we have in the membership who is willing to help with this plan. Please visit [here](#) (encourage your colleagues also if they are interested in helping) and complete the short online survey.

Nuclear New Builds Summit 2012, 23rd-25th April, Vienna.

The YGN has teamed up with IQPC to offer a free place at Nuclear New Build Summit 2012 in Vienna. The **competition will be announced only on our twitter feed** so please ensure you sign up to follow us now if you want to have the opportunity to attend the event. We will cover the event costs only, with your organisation responsible for all other costs. In addition, **we have negotiated a fantastic 20% discount** off any YGN member who wishes to attend. If you wish to take advantage of this discount please contact IQPC directly at JJ.XueHan@iqpc.co.uk. More info on the event is provided below:

Taking place from 23rd - 25th April in Vienna, [Nuclear New Builds Summit 2012](#) aims to explore the complex range of factors that can hinder the development of **nuclear new build in Europe**, as well as perspectives from America, Asia and Africa.

The event sessions will examine the difficulties in **acquiring project finance**, **opportunities in nuclear investment**, liaising effectively with **nuclear politics**, **nuclear regulations**, as well as technical considerations such as the siting of new build, **waste management strategies**, **secure fuel supplies** and **reactor installation**.

Please [click here](#) for the Final Programme and the complete expert speaker panel.

Industrial & Power Association Annual Energy Conference, Edinburgh, 6th March

The YGN has teamed up with the Industrial and Power Association to **provide up to 3 members an "at cost" rate of £60 + VAT** to attend the upcoming IPA Annual Energy Conference at the Heriot-Watt Conference Suite in Edinburgh. The conference theme is 'The Changing Power Landscape' and further information is available [here](#). If you are interested in taking advantage of this offer please email chair@nuclearinst-ygn.com.

Western Branch 20th Annual Dinner, YGN Discount Rate Available!!!

The 20th Annual Dinner of the Nuclear Institute Western Branch will be held at the Thistle Hotel, Bristol on Wednesday 14 March 2012. The YGN has a table at the event and **the Western branch has very kindly offered a massively discounted rate of £25!!!** YGN members who wish to sit on our table **and are not already attending with their organisations** will be eligible for this discount! Note there are **limited places** so please email chair@nuclearinst-ygn.com now!

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What does Leadership in West Cumbria mean? 9th February, Workington

Hear from some great leaders based in West Cumbria, about their vision for the area, key points that have helped them, and also key pointers for personnel development in leadership for people in the nuclear industry and area. Combined with these presentations will be the opportunity to network with peers from a variety of companies engaged in the Nuclear Industry in a relaxed and enjoyable environment. More info [here](#).

Call for Papers!! – YGN Nuclear Future Edition! Your chance to get published!!

The Nuclear Future magazine will again in 2012 have a YGN edition dedicated to promoting the younger members of our industry. We need your help to ensure we will fill it with high quality papers on technical and other relevant topics. This is a great opportunity to get your work published and the recognition you deserve! However, you must be quick, please email chair@nuclearinst-ygn.com.

South West Branch / YGN Networking Event, March/April 2012

We are still in the process of organising this event which will be on a smaller scale than the NW Branch event in February. It will be held in Bristol and is aimed at allowing you to improve your network within the industry. Further info will be communicated in the February newsletter.

YGN Branch National Speaking Competitions, Throughout 2012!!

The YGN is again holding a series of speaking competitions across the UK with the Grand Finale in late 2012. Please see the YGN website [here](#) for more information on the following speaking competitions:

- YGN & Western Branch Speaking Competition, Wed 11th July 2012
- YGN & CASS Branch Speaking Competition, Tue 12th June 2012

Low Carbon Future: Nuclear Power vs. Renewable Energy Sources

The YGN has been asked to help a final year student at Leeds Metropolitan University in carrying out research in support of their dissertation titled: **Low Carbon Future: Nuclear Power vs. Renewable Energy Sources**.

Michael is looking to find some volunteers who would be willing to give up a few hours of their time to help him conduct some research. He is hoping to arrange a focus group where he will discuss with professionals from the above industry's topics raised in his research so far. The aim of the focus group is to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of both nuclear power and renewable energy production along with how significant nuclear power/renewable energy sources should be in the generation of electricity, for the UK, in the future. He is hoping to arrange the focus group during the first 2 weeks in February, however these dates are potentially flexible.

The focus group will be held at: Northern Terrace, Civic Quarter, Leeds, LS1 3HE. This is a 10 minute walk from Leeds train station and parking facilities are available. If this is something you feel you might be able to help him with please contact him on michaelstott90@hotmail.com. **Any volunteers will be compensated travel expenses and refreshments will be provided.**

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