



Hydrogen UK Conference & Awards 2026

10th – 11th March 2026, Birmingham NCC



CONFERENCE AGENDA

Day 1, Tuesday 10th March 2026

12:00 – 14:00

Young Hydrogen Professionals Network Workshop –
Exploring the Future of Hydrogen – [Register Here](#)
Waterloo Suite

Chair: **Megan Backhouse**, BOC (Product Manager & HUK Future Leader 2025)
Alex Johnson, Arcadis (Assistant Project Manager)
Chloe Tindale, Air Products (Business Development Manager – Hydrogen)
Graham Dixon, Lhyfe (Project Development Manager UK&I)
Joseph Greaves, Hydrogen UK (Policy Analyst)

12:00 – 16:00

Tyseley Energy Park & Hydrogen Kitchen Tours – [Register Here](#)

14:00 – 17:00

Exhibition Open & **TECH**TALKS

17:00 – 23:00

Awards Evening



AWARDS AGENDA

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17:00

Drinks Reception, Canapes & Entertainment (Close-up magic)

18:00

Guests Proceed to Seats, Starters & Mains Served

19:30

Host Speech (**Vernon Kay**)

Keynote Speech (**Willie Coetzee**, Honeywell UOP)

Awards Ceremony

20:30

Dessert Served

21:30 – 23:00

Live Band & Entertainment (Casino tables)

23:00

Evening Close



CONFERENCE AGENDA

Day 2, Wednesday 11th March 2026

08:15 – 09:00

Registration & Exhibition Open

09:00 – 11:00

Keynote Session 1

Imperial Suite

Chair: **Clare Jackson**, Hydrogen UK (CEO)

Brian Pickering, BOC UK & Ireland (Head of Bulk Sales Applications and Business Development)

Kim McCann, SLR Consulting (Global Energy Advisory Director)

Richard Mathers, Honeywell UOP (Sr. Director for Sales and Business Development)

11:00 – 11:30

Refreshment Break, Exhibition & **TECH**TALKS

Panel 1:

Sponsored by  **hynamics**
edf group

11:30 – 12:30

From Concept to COD:

Unlocking & Derisking Hydrogen Projects

Imperial Suite

Chair: **Susan Swan**, Shepherd and Wedderburn (Partner)

Kerry Mullen, Hynamics (Business Development Manager)

Joe Seifert, EET Hydrogen (CEO)

Sally Prickett, Arup (Director, Hydrogen Advisory)

Claire Woodward, RWE Generation (Head of UK Hydrogen Project Development)

Robin Cannings, Storengy UK (Commercial Director)

Panel 2:

11:30 – 12:30

Transport

Trafalgar Suite

Chair: **Debbie Baker**, Aviso Ltd (Clean Energy and Public Affairs Consultant)

Jon Hunt, Toyota (Senior Manager Hydrogen Transformation)

Mark Grain, Extreme H (Technical Director)

Robert Steinberger-Wilckens, Energy Research Accelerator
(Professor in Fuel Cells & Hydrogen Research)

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch Break, Exhibition & **TECH**TALKS

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Panel 3:
Sponsored by  Statkraft

14:00 – 15:00

Driving Down the Costs of Electrolytic Hydrogen
Imperial Suite

Chair: **Maggie Olson-Jow**, Scottish Renewables (Policy Manager)
Duncan Dale, Statkraft (Vice President, Origination UK & Ireland)
Darren Cushen, Wales & West Utilities (Net Zero Portfolio Manager)
Keigh Taylor, Black & Veatch (Solutions Director, Advanced Process Solutions)
James-Augustine Foley, Santander (Executive Director, Structured Finance)
Emma Bezuidenhout, LCCC (Head of Hydrogen)

Panel 4:
Sponsored by  Close Brothers
Asset Finance

14:00 – 15:00

Supporting UK Technology –
Building Capability & Capacity in UK Supply Chains & Skills
Trafalgar Suite

Chair: **Maximilian Musing**, CCSA (Senior Policy Officer)
Daniele Manzi, Close Brothers Asset Finance (Head of Sales – ESG Lending)
Gareth Williams, Hydrogen Innovation Initiative (Director)
Ella Yip, Talan UK & Ireland
Will Sides, ITM Power (Senior Business Development & Sales Manager)
Harriet Wakinshaw, GeoPura (Finance Director)

15:00 – 15:30

Refreshment Break, Exhibition & TECHTALKS

Panel 5:

15:30 – 16:30

Hydrogen's Role in Decarbonising UK Industry & Power
Imperial Suite

Chair: **Charlie Currie**, H2 View (Editor)
Angus Paxton, NESO (Head of Gas & Whole Energy Network Development)
Ian Livingston, Equinor (Head of Hydrogen and Ammonia UK)
Marian Garfield, Heidelberg Materials (Director of Sustainability)
Prudence Hoffman, Honeywell (Director, Business Development)
Wesley Tivnen, Haldane Energy (Commercial & Technical Director)

16:30 – 16:45

Closing Remarks

TECHTALKS

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Time	Session	Presenter
14:10–14:30	Making a Hydrogen Project Bankable	ARUP
14:40–15:00	Redefining Hydrogen Economics: The Role of Advanced and Modular Electrolysers	Seacht Holdings
15:10–15:30	Decentralised Hydrogen Generation from Methanol for Scalable Applications	Methanol Reformer
15:40–16:00	Hydrogen Pipelines: Conditions that allow Safe and Practical Operation	Penspen
16:10–16:30	Hydrogen Storage: Rough Facility	Centrica Energy Storage (CES+)

Day 2 – Wednesday 11th March 2026

Time	Session	Presenter
11:05–11:25	Hydrogen to Power: Technical Considerations and Challenges	ARUP
12:35–12:55	UK Hydrogen Funding Landscape	Innovate UK Business Connect
13:05–13:25	Hydrogen Centralised Strategic Network Planning Methodology	National Energy System Operator (NESO)
13:35–13:55	Scotland's Hydrogen Testing and Electrolyser Validation Facilities	Energy Transition Zone (ETZ)
15:05–15:25	Zero-Emission Hydrogen Steam Heat & Power	Steamology
15:35–15:55	What Makes a Good Electrode? Optimising Electrolyser Performance with Materials Innovation	M-Spin
16:05–16:25	Hydrogen Purity & Impurity Measurement: Compliance and Instrumentation	SGS Gas