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WELCOME TO THE HYDROGEN UK ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND AWARDS

Dear Delegates,
Welcome to the 2026 Hydrogen UK Annual Conference and Awards. Each year, this conference gives us the opportunity to reflect on progress, share insight and celebrate achievement across our sector. Last year, we spoke about hydrogen's role as a catalyst for economic growth and system transformation. That ambition remains unchanged. What has changed is the context in which we are working.

The UK hydrogen industry has continued to move forward. Projects from the first allocation round are progressing towards construction. The second allocation round has shortlisted projects. Government has committed funding for the first Hydrogen Transport and Storage cluster and the important role of hydrogen in our future energy system has been reiterated in the Industrial Strategy.

And yet, we are operating in a period of prolonged uncertainty.

The refreshed Hydrogen Strategy is still outstanding. Final selections from HAR2 are delayed. We are still waiting on decisions on the Hydrogen to Power Business Model.. These are not theoretical issues. They directly affect investment timelines, financing decisions and the confidence of developers and supply chains across the country.

However, I know hydrogen people are resilient. This is an industry built on persistence, ingenuity, and long-term vision. And, in order to navigate this period, we will need that persistence and ingenuity, we will need to dig in and hold our nerve.

That is precisely why this conference matters.

Over the next two days, we will focus not only on what needs to happen, but how we make it happen. Our keynote sessions bring together industry at a pivotal moment. Panels on driving down the cost of electrolytic hydrogen and unlocking projects from concept to COD will tackle the practical barriers to deployment. Sessions on UK supply chains and skills underline the economic opportunity at stake. And our discussion on hydrogen's role in decarbonising UK industry and power highlights the central truth: without hydrogen, clean power and industrial resilience cannot be delivered together.

Government has consistently linked hydrogen to growth, jobs and regional renewal. The opportunity remains significant. There is over £20 billion of private capital ready to invest. There are industrial sites ready to decarbonise. There are renewable resources ready to power electrolysers and hydrogen-ready turbines poised to support the grid.

What we need now is clarity and pace.

This conference is our opportunity to show that the sector is not waiting. It is building capability, sharing solutions and standing ready. The conversations you have here strengthen the ecosystem that will deliver hydrogen at scale.

The months ahead will be important. But so too is the collective strength in this room.

Here's to two days of constructive debate, shared ambition and renewed momentum.

Warm regards,

CLARE JACKSON
CEO, Hydrogen UK



CONFERENCE AGENDA

Day 1, Tuesday 10th March 2026

12:00 - 14:00
Young Hydrogen Professionals Network Workshop - Exploring the Future of Hydrogen
Waterloo Suite

Chair: Megan Backhouse, BOC
(Product Manager & HUK Future Leader 2025)
Alex Johnson, Arcadis (Assistant Project Manager)
Hannah Bryson-Jones, Delta H (Founder & Director)
Graham Dixon, Lhyfe (Project Development Manager UK&I)
Joseph Greaves, Hydrogen UK (Policy Analyst)

14:15 - 16:15
Tyseley Energy Park & Hydrogen Kitchen Tours

14:00 - 17:00
Exhibition Open & TECHTALKS

17:00 -23:00
Awards Evening



AWARDS AGENDA

Day 1, Tuesday 10th March 2026

17:00
Drinks Reception & 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



HYDROGEN UK AWARDS 2026 SHORTLIST

The 2026 shortlist reflects the breadth, maturity and momentum of the UK hydrogen sector, highlighting progress across production, infrastructure, transport, industry, finance and skills. From pioneering individuals and future leaders to large-scale infrastructure projects and impactful community initiatives, the finalists demonstrate how hydrogen is moving from ambition to delivery.



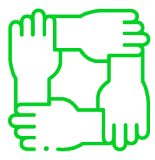
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Kerry Mullen, Hynamics
Salah Mahdy, Chart Industries
Sara Walker, HI-ACT
Tracy Scott, RES



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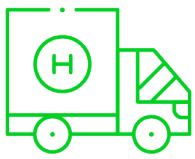
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INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

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Humber Hydrogen Pipeline – Equinor, Centrica Energy Storage+ and SSE Thermal
LTS Futures – SGN
Project Brigg – Centrica and National Gas
Project Union – National Gas



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YOUR AWARDS DINNER HOST VERNON KAY

Hydrogen UK is delighted to announce that the 2026 Hydrogen Awards Ceremony will be hosted for the second year in a row by Vernon Kay.

Vernon Kay is the awards host from Bolton who created a stir with his spontaneous wit and charming accent. His natural on-screen charm has endowed Vernon with unprecedented success on the T4 team at Channel 4, as well as presenting stints on Hit Me Baby One More Time on ITV and NBC. He hosted the BBC2 quiz show Head Jam and ITV's Celebrities under Pressure, E4's Wife For William and The Grill for Channel 4. Vernon also hosted the Saturday night show Boys and Girls on Channel 4.

The boy from Bolton first tasted fame when he was spotted by a model scout from Select at the BBC's Clothes Show Live. After a successful modelling career, he won Model of the Week on The Big Breakfast, catching Channel 4's attention. In 2000, he joined T4, becoming a household name until 2006. His love for music saw him present Top of the Pops Plus (BBC2) and Top of the Pops @ Play (Play UK).

In 2006, Vernon joined BBC Radio 1, where he hosted a regular Saturday show. The following year, he co-hosted Just the Two of Us with his wife, Tess Daly, and fronted ITV's Gameshow Marathon. As a huge Elvis fan, he travelled the globe for BBC1's The World's Greatest Elvis.

Vernon continues to be an incredibly popular presenter, he is a great awards host and he adds showbiz glamour to all kinds of live events.



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 & Business Development)
Kim McCann, SLR Consulting (Global Energy Advisory Director)
Richard Mathers, Honeywell UOP (Sr. Director for Sales & Business Development)
Stefanie Murphy, DESNZ (Director for Hydrogen & Industrial Carbon Capture)

11:00 - 11:30
Refreshment Break, Exhibition & TECHTALKS

Panel 1:
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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)

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Day 2, Wednesday 11th March 2026

Panel 2:

11:30 – 12:30

Hydrogen's Role in 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)
Helen Leadbetter, UK Civil Aviation Authority
(Technical Strategy Lead Zero Emission Flight)
Ralph Windeatt, Associated British Ports
(Group Head of Business Development)

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch Break, Exhibition & TECHTALKS

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)

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Day 2, Wednesday 11th March 2026

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)
Gareth Williams, Hydrogen Innovation Initiative (Director)
Will Sides, ITM Power (Senior Business Development & Sales Manager)
Harriet Wakinshaw, GeoPura (Finance Director)
Daniele Manzi, Close Brothers Asset Finance (Head of Sales - ESG Lending)
Ella Yip, Talan (Consultant)

15:00 - 15:30
Lunch Break, Exhibition & TECHTALKS

15:30 - 15:45
Keynote Session 2: HyNet - The Home of Hydrogen
Imperial Suite

Chris Manson, Whitton, Progressive Energy (CEO)

Panel 5:

15:45 - 16:45
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)

16:45 - 17:00
Closing Remarks

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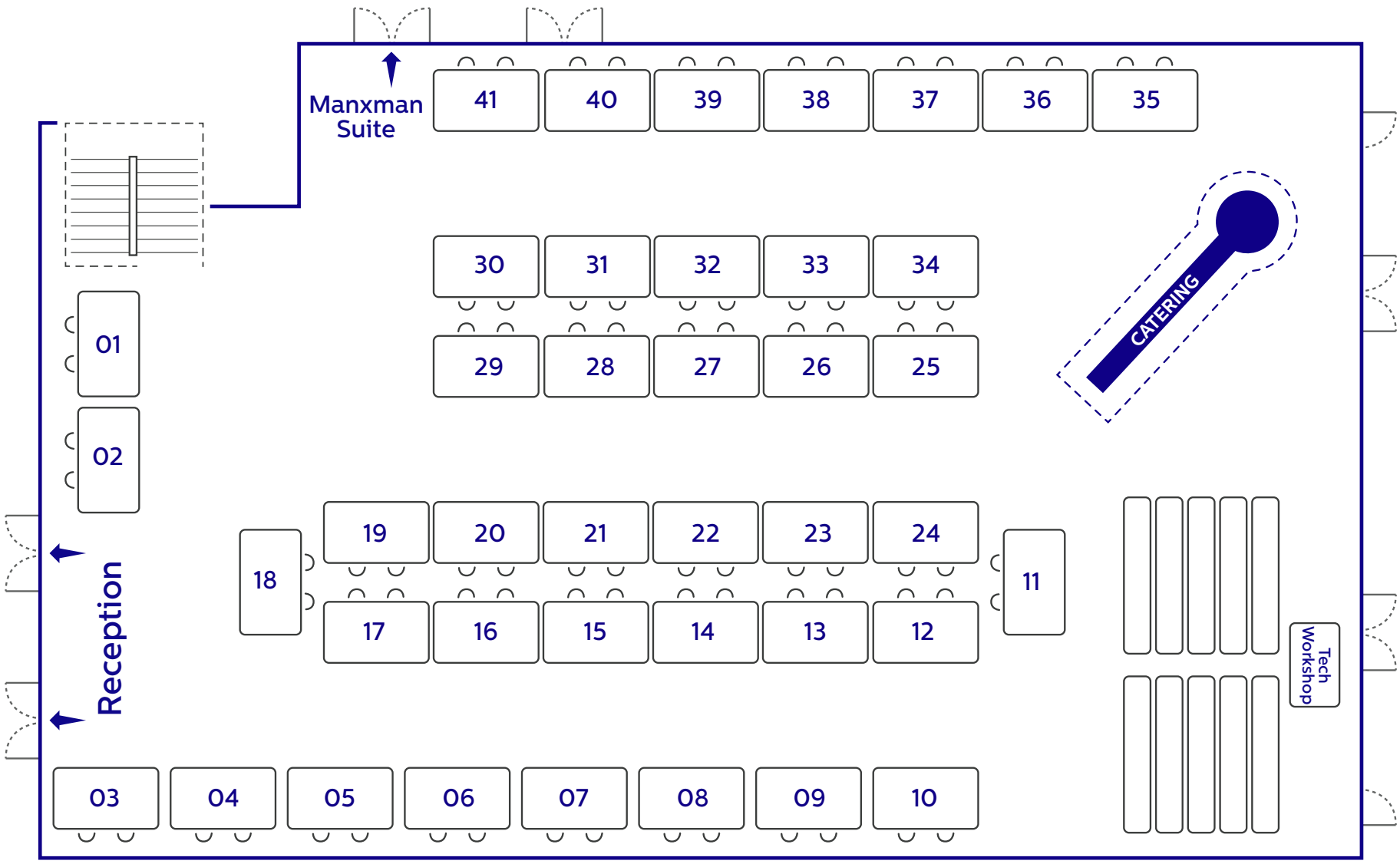
TECHTALKS

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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+)

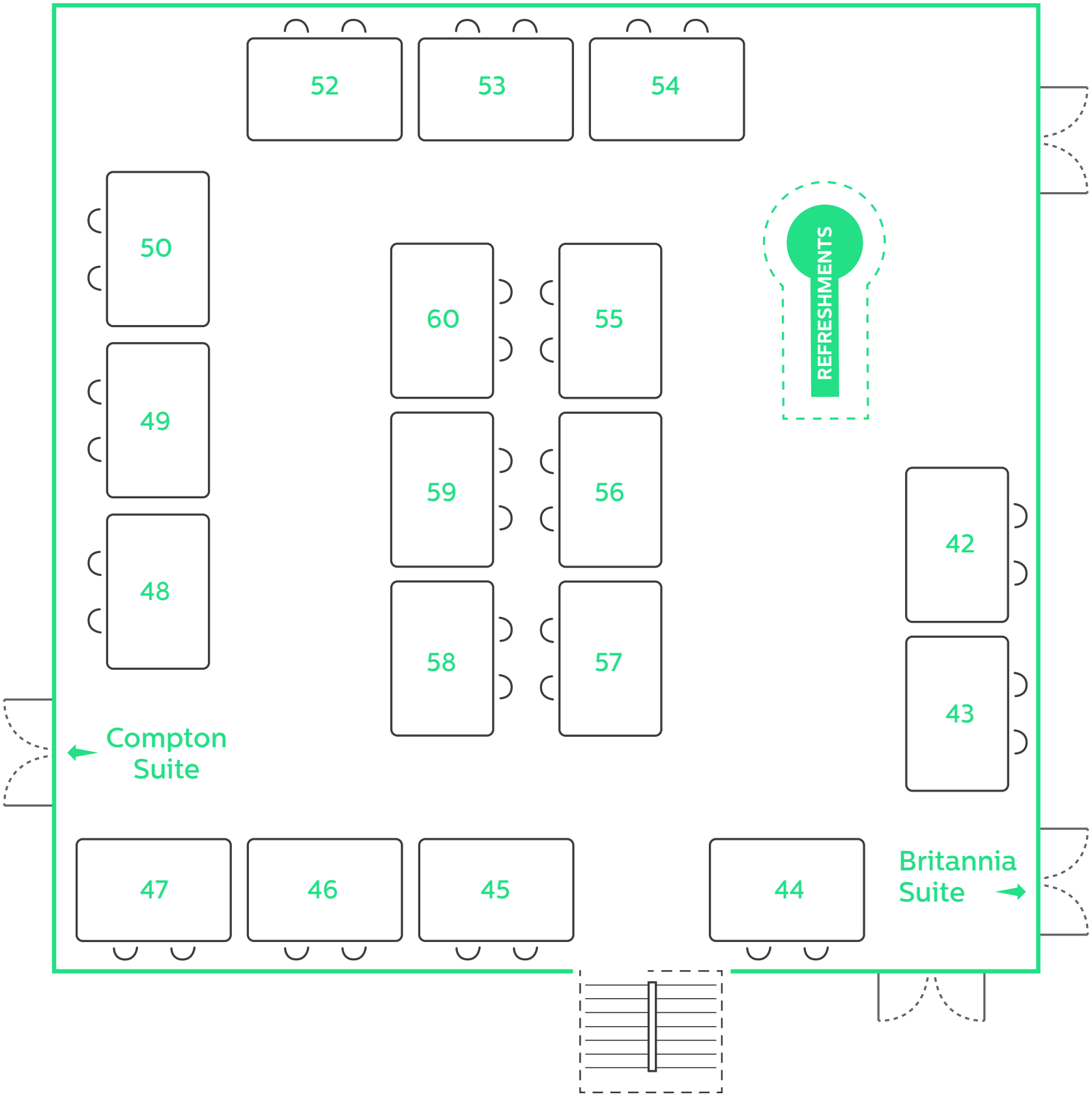
Day 2 - Wednesday 11th March 2026		
Time	**Session**	**Presenter**
11:05-11:25	**Hydrogen to Power:** Technical Considerations and Challenges	ARUP
12:35-12:55	**UK Hydrogen Funding Landscape**	Innovate UK Business Connect
13:05-13:25	**Hydrogen Centralised Strategic Network Planning Methodology**	National 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

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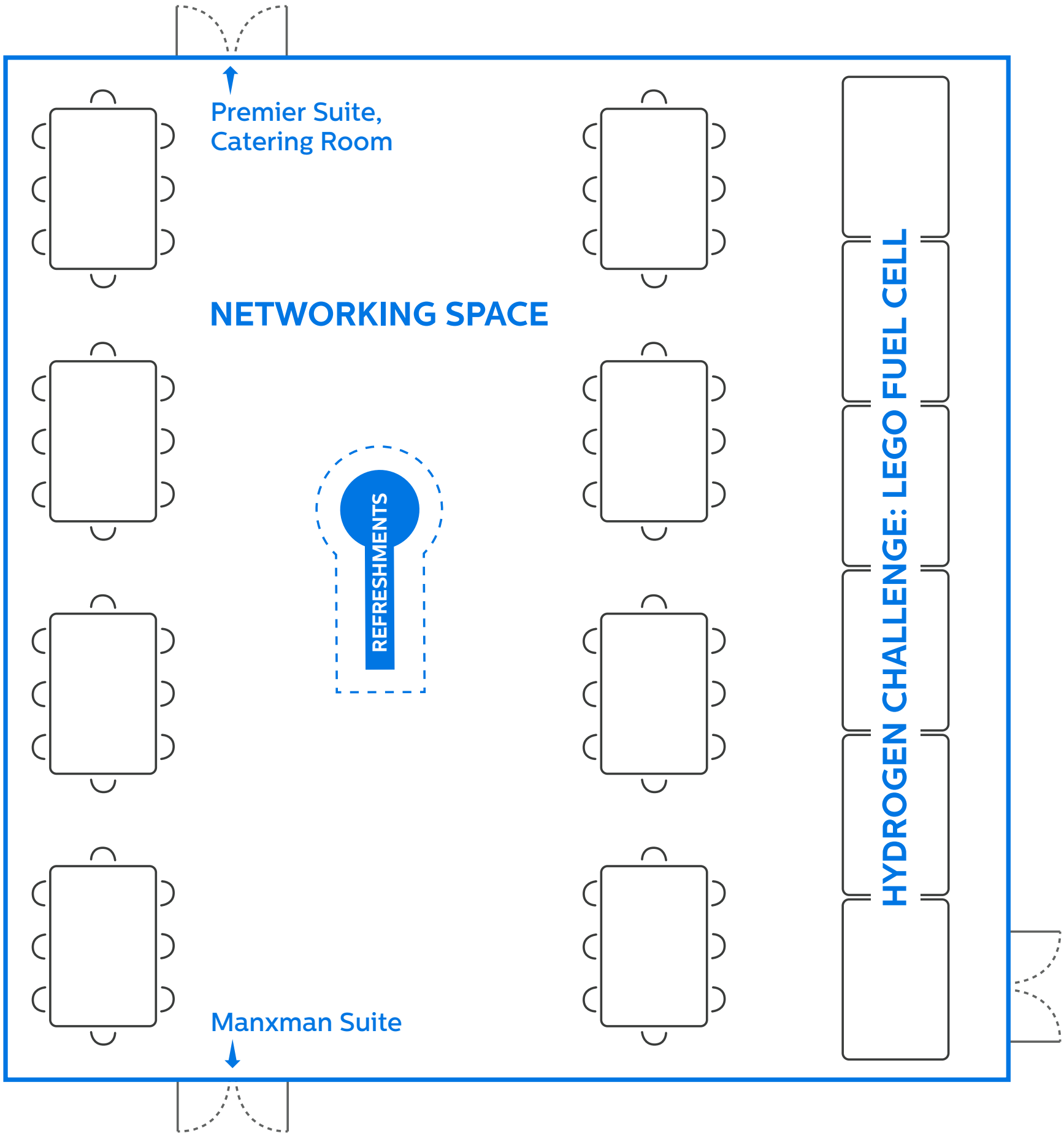
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Arup's expo stand: 11
Speaking on panel: Sally Prickett, From Concept to COD: Unlocking & Derisking Hydrogen Projects, 11:30-12:30, Imperial Suite

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