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Chair's Introduction and Updates

Welcome to the revamped NNA newsletter!

We're thrilled to announce our switch to a bimonthly publication to keep you in the loop about NNA's latest happenings and industry developments through our events and subcommittees.

Exciting news: Nicola Wallwork of NSAN is now leading the Skills Subcommittee, Tom Pearce from Cavendish heads the SME and Supply Chain Subcommittee, and Gary McKeating from Sellafield leads the Social Value Supply Chain Subcommittee. Learn more about them in the newsletter. We encourage your active participation in these groups to maximise their value. If you or your team member is interested, reach out to me for a discussion—an excellent opportunity for emerging talent and industry networking.

In September, our SMR-focused event featured insights from Brett Hogarth, Rich Evertt (Rolls-Royce SMR), and Laurence Smith (Cwmni Egino). The lively discussion proved highly beneficial. To enhance these events, we need your help expanding our contacts within your organisations. Please share potential contacts with Dan Norris to broaden our reach. Recently, we soft-launched a discussion paper on Nuclear's pivotal role in Hydrogen for the North West. Partnering strategically with the North West Business Leadership team, we aim to elevate nuclear in the energy transition discourse. Stay tuned for the formal launch in Birchwood by Andrew Bowie and Claire Coutinho.

Exciting times lie ahead with a stellar lineup of events for the coming year. Our strategy session on December 18th will define key focus areas, building on the success of papers like Nuclear Hydrogen. We value your suggestions—reach out if you'd like to discuss further. Stay tuned for updates, and thank you for being part of our vibrant community!

Best regards and see you all soon,

Rachel O'Donnell

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

SKILLS & CAPABILITY

Nicola Wallwork of NSAN has kindly offered to lead the new Skills and Capability Subcommittee, and the group is actively seeking members. If you work in this area and would like to be considered for a place in the group, please get in touch with Nicola

(Nicola.Wallwork@nsan.co.uk) to discuss.

Looking ahead, the group is organising a skills-focused event scheduled for February next year. During this event, we anticipate receiving updates on various pertinent activities, including an update from the Nuclear Skills Task Force established by Government recently. Further details of this event will be circulated in due course.



SOCIAL VALUE

In late November, our subcommittee team, comprising of representation from Cavendish Nuclear, Amentum and Nuvia, will be getting together to develop our strategy, aims and objectives for the next three years, with an initial focus on activity planned across 2024. Once developed, we will be looking to engage with you and your teams in early 2024 to understand how we as member NNA organisations can deliver our social value objectives together to bring the best benefit to the communities and regions in which we operate. For more information, or to get involved in helping to shape this strategy, please contact Michael Bond (Michael.Bond@cavendishnuclear.com).

SME GROWTH

Tom Pearce from Cavendish Nuclear, the Business Development Director with 20+ years of nuclear industry experience, will lead the SME Growth subcommittee, focusing on Civil Decommissioning, Clean Energy, and Defence.

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Whilst we are delighted to have Tom joining the NNA team we are still looking for members to join the SME Growth subcommittee. Therefore if you are interested please contact Tom at Tom.Pearce2@cavendishnuclear.com.

NEW TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

The New Technology and Innovation Subcommittee were recently invited to Parliament, to present their White Paper on the Strategic Case for Nuclear Derived Hydrogen and the related Opportunity for the North West. The round table event, which featured the NNA's nuclear derived hydrogen initiative as the primary topic of discussion, was attended by a group of cross party MP's, Lords and representatives from both the nuclear and net zero / energy transition communities of the North West. Plans are already underway for a follow on event to officially launch the paper early next year, at a joint event for NNA members alongside representatives from the North West Business Leadership Team, Net Zero North West, North West Hydrogen Alliance and the NP11 group of LEPs and Business boards.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

In this section of the newsletter, we will be signposting and sharing information from various nuclear industry groups and initiatives that are focused on advancing diversity, inclusion, and equity across the nuclear industry.



Upcoming Events

Coffee Morning at Engine Rooms
SAVE THE DATE -
7th of December

Rainbow Forum will be hosting a coffee morning at the Engine Rooms in Birchwood Park on Thursday 7th December.

This will run from 11 am to 12 pm and is the perfect opportunity to catch up and discuss collaboration opportunities as well as learning about the work that that the Rainbow Forum do.

Update from Nuclear Rainbow Forum

- The Nuclear Rainbow Forum is building an alliance of LGBTQIA+ networks and inclusive groups from across the nuclear industry. Through sharing best practices, collaborative campaigning and regularly participating in joint initiatives, the forum aims to fashion an inclusive industry that is supportive and welcoming of the LGBTQIA+ community.
- Follow us on [LinkedIn](#) or sign-up to [our Mailing List](#).

Updates from Nuclear Institute Young Generation Network

- On 18 October 2023, the first YGN ED&I (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) and Networks REiN (Racial Equality in Nuclear) UK & Nuclear Rainbow Forum Series event took place in Manchester, kindly hosted by Rolls-Royce SMR. Read more about the event by following the link below:
<https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7123208746922582016/>
- More of these collaborative events are planned for 2024, so watch this space!
- To keep in touch with YGN activities, you can follow their LinkedIn page here:
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/ygn-events/>

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Updates From Inclusion and Diversity in Nuclear

Inclusion and Diversity in Nuclear (IDN) is a not-for-profit initiative highlighting the importance of workplace inclusion, diversity and equity.

How: we provide resources and training to educate, undertake research, facilitate conversations amongst stakeholders and advise on meaningful steps to engage, retain and propel change for the current and future workforce.

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Survey Highlights Report

In June 2023, IDN published a highlights report summarising several key findings from its industry wide equity, diversity, and inclusion survey.

Read the report here:

<https://idnuclear.com/news-and-resources/survey-highlights-report/>

Recording available - Black History Month Webinar 2023.

The recording of last month's Black History Month webinar: 'Understanding and removing barriers to success for Black Women in the nuclear workplace' is now available.

Please visit: <https://vimeo.com/idnuclear/bhm2023> to view it.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Changes to our Invoicing System

- At our full members meeting on the 19th of September we announced that we will be making some changes to our membership invoicing system. As of January 2024, all invoices will be sent out to current members on the first working day of January each year. This change from the current system will be implemented in order to clear up any confusion about when members will receive their invoices as well as when these invoices are due. This change means that **membership will run on an annual basis** with new members being charged a pro rata fee based on the month in which they join the NNA.
- The current membership fees are available on our website.
<https://www.nuclearalliance.uk/membership/>

Membership Profiles and Website Updates

- We are also aiming to increase the **quantity and quality of information gathered from our membership**. This information is gathered for use on our website as well as to ensure that all members on our mailing list are accurately accounted for. When the information is collected, it will be presented on our website under each member's profile, allowing us to display the most up-to-date information.
- This information will be gathered via a membership profiles document, which when completed must be returned.



PREVIOUS EVENTS



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Members' SMR focus Meeting

- We recently held a full members meeting on the 19th of September, where we heard from Laurence Smith about Cwmni Eginio and the opportunities on the Trawsfynydd site, as well as Rich Everett from Rolls Royce SMR about their plans for the future including a discussion around their new supplier portal.
- At the meeting we also discussed our new events calendar for the upcoming period. The new calendar will include multiple events focusing on a variety of different topics as well as presenting the opportunity to hear from numerous guest speakers.

Nuclear Sector Round Table

- NNA represented our membership at the recent Nuclear Sector Round Table, organised by the Cheshire and Warrington LEP. The meeting focused on how nuclear ensures its place, in the future long-term Sustainable & Inclusive Economic Plan. As part of LEP's call for evidence around the economic challenges, opportunities and stakeholder views that will support investments and the delivery of economic priorities for people, businesses and places in the region, the NNA has been invited to become a key stakeholder for the LEP. We will be meeting regularly to ensure NNA members voices, ideas and concerns are included in future consultations and will coordinate the response from our 50+ membership.

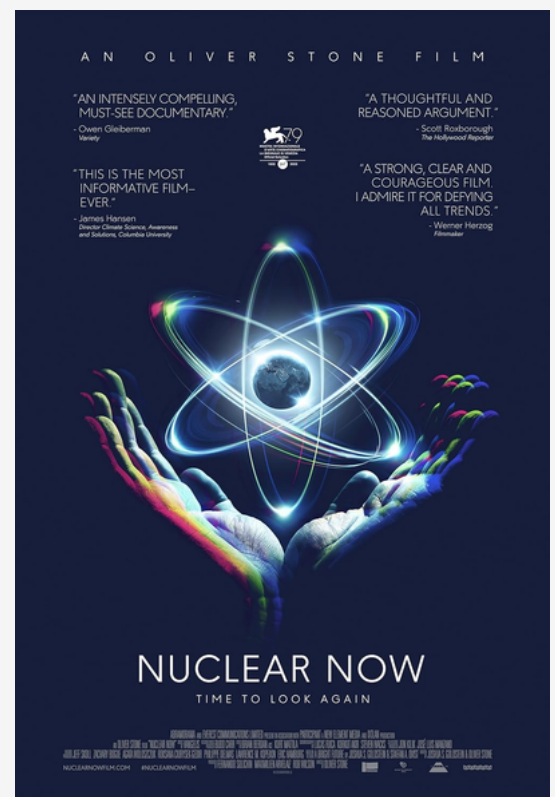
UPCOMING EVENTS



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November 29th - Nuclear Now Screening

- We have kindly been allowed by the Dalton Nuclear Institute, one of our NNA members, to share with other members an invitation to a free private showing of the new Oliver Stone film "Nuclear Now" which will take place in Manchester on Wednesday 29 November, from 5-8pm including a discussion of the film afterwards.
- The invitation has been issued to all NNA member main contacts, so please contact the NNA contact person for your organisation if you'd like to attend. The invitation is only open to NNA member organisations, but each attendee can bring along a guest.



December 18th - Online Strategy Update

- On December the 18th the NNA board will be holding a strategy meeting to discuss the plans for the NNA going forward. After this we will be holding a virtual meeting for our membership where we will provide updates on what we've been up to, upcoming events and a schedule for the coming year. This virtual session aims to give our membership the chance to influence decisions and engage with the board before decisions are finalised.

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