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Our new brand campaign hits TV screens

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Lifetime extensions for Hartlepool and Heysham 1

End of an era for West Burton A and Cottam

Deaf awareness at Heysham visitor centre

It's World Alzheimer's month



EDITORS' NOTE

In an exciting new advertising partnership, the company will appear on the cobbles of Coronation Street this month. Keep your eyes peeled on TV screens from 8 September. We'll feature during the break with ads filmed on set and our EV vans, chargers and posters will be on the street itself next year. Nicola and Claire tell us more in this month's **Big Interview**.

From our nuclear family, **West Burton A** and **Cottam** have had successful demolitions and there's great news about **lifetime extension decisions** at Heysham 1 and Hartlepool power stations. Hinkley Point C's Chief Project Construction Director, Rob Jordan, chats to us about his **honorary directorate**.

September is **World Alzheimer's Month** and Darren Jeffery shares the emotional story of his parents' dementia diagnoses.

Finally, in honour of International Week of the Deaf and International Day of Sign Languages, we hear about a wonderful day at **Heysham visitor centre** for local deaf children and their families, and celebrate with a **British Sign Language quiz**.

JULIA NUTLEY AND KATHY MANSON
The Connect team



A WARM HUG2 FOR WILTSHIRE

The Strategic Partnerships team in Customers has partnered with Wiltshire Council to deliver their Home Upgrade Grant (HUG2), a government-funded initiative aimed at improving the energy efficiency of homes not connected to the gas network. The scheme targets low-income households, especially those with low Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) ratings.

Working to a tight four-month deadline alongside installation partner 0800 Repair, the team successfully installed 134 energy efficiency measures to 83 homes. These measures included solar PV, air source heat pumps, storage heaters, loft insulation and cavity wall insulation.

The Strategic Partnerships team is now using their learnings and experience to actively support other local authorities and councils on the new Warm Homes scheme which runs for three years and replaces HUG2.

Watch a video of Joe and Beth's experience of their Solar PV and air source heat pump installation on eNZO.



GAME ON FOR SUNDAY SAVER

We're relaunching Sunday Saver with a fresh new campaign. Our customers can earn free electricity on a Sunday by shifting their peak time electricity consumption – 4-7pm on weekdays – to times when there's less demand on the grid.

Prep Day Pundits is a fun, sports-inspired look at how we can all make the most of free electricity on a Sunday to prep for the week ahead, from batch cooking to laundry to relaxing in front of the TV. We've teamed up with footie favourite Chris Kamara to see how one family tackles their Sunday. Throughout the autumn, we'll also see how Olympians such as Greg Rutherford and Laura Kenny plan to use their free electricity on Sundays.





PROJECT MILESTONES 2025

HINKLEY POINT C ACHIEVES SEVENTH MILESTONE

The team in Somerset has successfully installed four medium head safety injection (MHSI) pumps - one in each of the Unit 1's safeguard buildings. These pumps are part of the residual heat removal system (RIS), designed to inject borated water into the reactor to cool it in the unlikely event of a leak in the primary circuit. The system also circulates water around the reactor to remove residual heat during start-up and shutdown phases, when the steam generators cannot be used.

Simon Parsons, Delivery Director, said: "This milestone represents a critical step in delivering the Nuclear Steam Supply System and is a strong example of what collaboration can achieve on a complex project."





ON THE COBBLES

Nicola Collins, Brand Marketing Senior Manager, and **Claire Brunel**, Brand and Campaign Lead, share the showbiz scoop on our new partnership with Coronation Street.

Nicola and Claire look after the EDF brand in the UK, launching campaigns, developing our tone of voice principles and adapting brand guidance from EDF Group.

Outside of work, Nicola enjoys travel and spending time with her family and is proud to have both of her children at university soon. Claire likes going to the cinema and theatre and reading a good book.

Tell us what inspired the collaboration with one of the nation's favourite soaps, Coronation Street.
The partnership is really exciting. Corrie is a well-loved, trusted show watched by 40% of our customers and 6.5m people in total. It felt like a natural fit for us as a trusted energy brand.

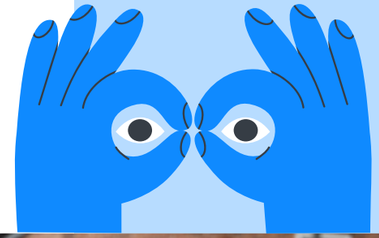
The way people are consuming media is changing so it's harder than ever to stand out. We needed a fresh, innovative way to connect with audiences.

We want to shift perceptions and show that we're offering better service through Kraken and better value for money. The partnership, combined with our Sunday Saver adverts, gives us a trusted platform to amplify our voice.

What does the partnership include?
We've used their iconic set to film two new exciting adverts lasting 20 and 40 seconds to transport Corrie viewers into their world. The brand will even appear in the episodes themselves after Christmas, where you'll be able to spot one of our electric vans, a Pod EV charger and a poster in a bus shelter. We're also exploring how we can feature the brand in the storyline, such as helping a small business with an energy problem.

How is this different to previous brand campaigns?
We've not had a partnership like this before. Previously we've advertised on TV but have never teamed up with a programme like Corrie and benefitted from a show's identity. We're using media differently, to a more targeted audience with the adverts and product placement set on the street itself rather than separate.

Keep your eyes peeled for the campaign launching on **Monday 8 September** with a **teaser** followed by the **big reveal** on **Friday 12 September** during the Corrie ad break on ITV.





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Whether you’re a Corrie fan or not, it’s an iconic part of UK culture.

How does Sunday Saver offer value for money for our customers?
If you shift your weekday peak energy usage, you could earn up to 16 hours of free electricity the following Sunday. We want customers to shift their behaviour during the week to make the Grid more effective for the whole country and maintain a consistent energy supply.



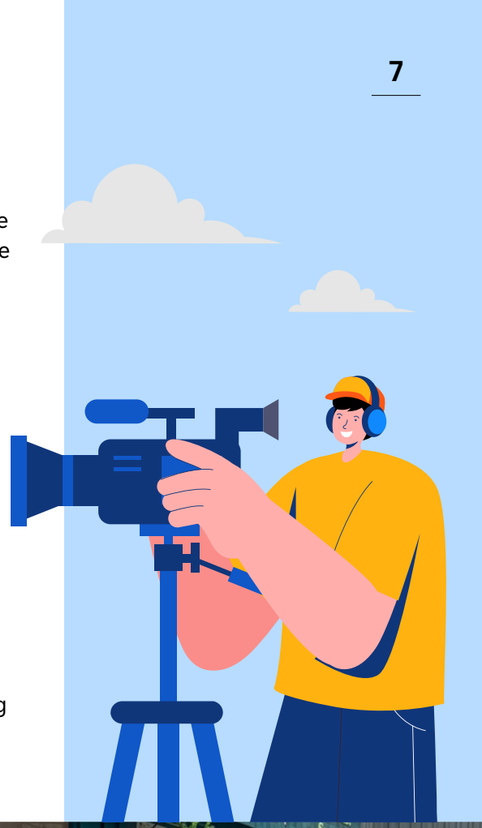
How will you know if the partnership has been a success?
We’re measuring four metrics: trust, value for money perception, brand awareness and buzz – getting people to talk about us. We’ll be monitoring these before, during and after the campaign and if we see a positive shift, we know it’s working!

Does ITV incorporate low-carbon energy solutions into its production process?
ITV has similar sustainability principles to us. They’re committed to meeting the UK’s net zero goals and have signed up to a media net zero scheme with lots of initiatives to reduce their carbon footprint. ITV is also open to discussing solar panels and energy efficiency tools that we can offer for their studios.

What was it like visiting the street?
It was magical. The Corrie set is tucked away in an industrial estate, but once you’re there, you’re immersed in its world - surrounded by crew, actors, and extras.

We shot the advert in two locations: the Corrie set is in Manchester, and the inside of the house is in London. We met three actors - Tanisha Gorey, Daniel Brocklebank and Jodie Prenger - who created some videos for social media for us. We were also reunited with our ‘Change is in our Power’ advert rockstar Zayne and his little brother Zion – they’re both adorable and so professional. Filming days were long, from 8am to 8pm both days, but the experience was unforgettable.

Whether you’re a Corrie fan or not, it’s an iconic part of UK culture. Nicola’s mum is a lifelong fan so was especially delighted that we were involved!







EXTENDING LIFETIMES, ENHANCING EFFICIENCIES

Barry Ford is the Lifetime and Defueling Preparations Manager at Heysham 1. He tells us why the recent 12-month lifetime extension decisions at both Heysham 1 and Hartlepool nuclear power stations are so important.

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

I live in Penrith, North Cumbria and have been married for 30 years. I have two grown-up children - one recently joined the police and the other is an engineer - and I own two lively cocker-poodles. I'm a passionate Norwich City supporter and enjoy walking and music. I'm currently reliving my youth by going to lots of gigs. Before joining EDF, I spent 23 years in the Navy working on submarines and the experience in nuclear provided a natural transition to the company. Since then, I've held various roles, mainly at Heysham 1 power station.

WHAT ARE YOUR KEY RESPONSIBILITIES IN YOUR ROLE?

I focus on two key areas: lifetime extensions and defueling readiness. On the extension side, we make sure the station has the remit, capability and resources to continue operating safely and efficiently if the company decides to extend its life. On the defueling side, we prepare to deliver value for money for the taxpayer and operational efficiency. This involves safety case work, planning equipment modifications and streamlining resources to ensure a smooth transition between operational stages - while minimising the impact on our people.

WHY ARE THE RECENT LIFETIME EXTENSIONS SO SIGNIFICANT?

The recent 12-month lifetime extensions granted for Heysham 1 and Hartlepool allow us to continue contributing to the UK's energy security and net zero goals, while recognising the dedication and expertise of our teams.

We're very proud of what we do at Heysham 1. It can be a challenging station and we do a fantastic job operating, managing our safety performance and engaging with regulators and stakeholders to make our reputation the best it can be.

WHAT ENABLES A STATION TO SECURE AN EXTENSION?

Technical aspects, such as the state of the graphite core, are key. We collaborate closely with the Head of Lifetime and Security Programmes, Dave Ogle, and his team who use our outage inspection data to create advanced modelling. We then make sure the right maintenance happens at the right time and invest in the station.

Reputation breeds opportunity. While Heysham 1 may not generate as many gigawatts as other Advanced Gas-cooled Reactors (AGRs) or a Pressurised Water Reactor (PWR) like Sizewell B, we excel in managing the station and are always open to feedback.

Ultimately, if the station can continue to generate for as long as it's safe to do so, and maintain its reputation as a key generation asset, it's in the nation's interest to extend its lifetime.



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THE END OF AN ERA AND A GLIMPSE INTO THE FUTURE



On the same day that [Hinkley Point C's dome was lifted onto unit 2], West Burton A's turbine hall and deaerator bay was demolished – marking a symbolic shift in the energy transition.



For almost 60 years, the coal-fired power station near Gainsborough in north Nottinghamshire generated nearly 500TWh, enough electricity to meet the needs of every home in the East Midlands for more than 70 years. **Nigel Wallis**, a Decommissioning Planning and Preparation Manager in Nuclear Operations, shares his reflections.

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

I'm married with three children and enjoy cycling – I recently took part in the H2H charity bike ride for our charity partner, Alzheimer's Society.

I've spent my entire career in the energy industry, including time at West Burton during its operational years. I'm responsible for a team of 10-15 employees on site, covering environmental, mechanical, electrical and operational engineering, as well as finance and monitoring of demolition activities. I also help oversee contractors managing ash disposal and work closely with Brown and Mason Group, specialists in demolition work.

WHAT'S HAPPENED SINCE GENERATION ENDED IN MARCH 2023?

The site has been decommissioned, which involves removing machinery, fuel oil, coal, chemicals and gases, and making everything safe. We now operate from a contractor's village while the principal contractor removes materials from the site and progresses with demolition.

So far we've completed four controlled demolitions of structures using explosives, known as 'blowdowns', removing things like precipitators, absorbers and most recently the turbine hall.

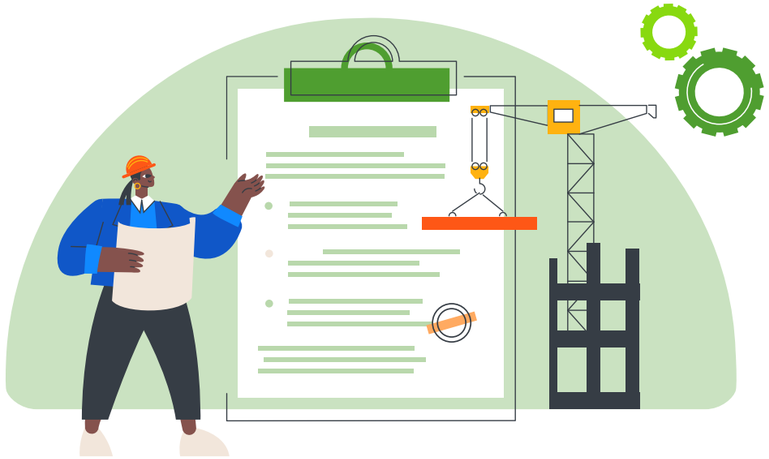


WHAT MAKES A SUCCESSFUL DEMOLITION?

Planning is everything. Structures are carefully split from adjoining buildings, with angled cuts in columns and steelwork to control the direction of the fall. Internal structures are often removed first to create space underneath for the collapse – it's complicated but impressive.

The demolition contractor has to notify police, local residents and nearby affected businesses like Network Rail in advance. When the explosives detonate, it shakes your whole body – you definitely feel it happening!

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WHAT'S NEXT?

The next 'blowdown' event is planned for October, which will include removing the remaining two absorbers and a section of the coal plant. The remaining boiler house will come down around April 2026, followed by the cooling towers in January 2027. After that, we'll remove any remaining steelwork and materials and then it's retirement for me!



A NEW CHAPTER – WILL FUSION ENERGY COME TO WEST BURTON?

The site is being considered for the UK's first prototype fusion energy power plant. A team from UK Industrial Fusion Solutions (UKIFS), a subsidiary of the UK Atomic Energy Authority, is already on-site initially drilling lots of boreholes to help understand underground structures.

They're currently in the research phase and have the option to buy the West Burton site. It's exciting to think something so innovative could follow – it would be like a phoenix rising from the ashes and it would help to maintain the area and employ local people.

> The fact that this is a world record demonstrates the scale of the project, and I would like to thank the team for safely delivering this major milestone

KIERAN GREEN
DECOMMISSIONING AND DEMOLITION PROGRAMME MANAGER





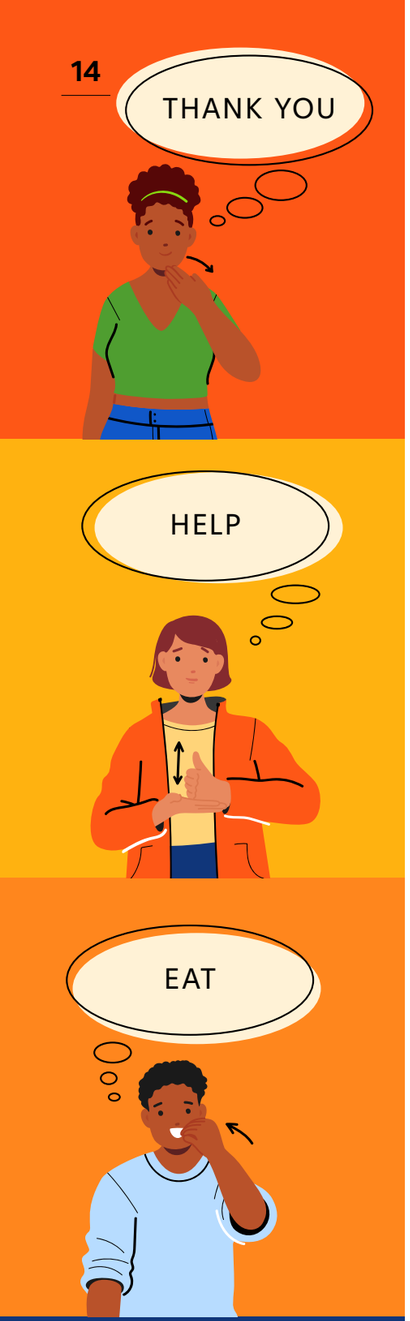
COTTAM COOLING TOWERS COME DOWN AFTER 56 YEARS

It's not just West Burton undergoing transformation. The skyline looks very different after the iconic Cottam power station's cooling towers were demolished last month, setting a Guinness World Record for the greatest number of cooling towers demolished in a single event.

The 2GW coal-fired station, which closed in 2019, also generated nearly 500TWh of electricity over its 51 years. The demolition included a series of controlled explosions to remove precipitators, the main building and the boiler house. Around half a tonne of explosives were used to bring down the 375-foot towers in a matter of seconds.

> It was a privilege to be there to see the towers come down and I look forward to seeing what the future holds for this great site.

PAUL MORTON
NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING DIRECTOR



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SIGNING FOR INCLUSION

Heysham's Visitor Centre holds the company's first deaf awareness event.

International Week of the Deaf is recognised in the last week of September. Heysham Visitor Centre got ahead of the game by hosting the company's first deaf awareness event at the end of July. Organised by Sarah Noon, Lydia Smith and Leah Grundy, the event welcomed local deaf children, their families and a deaf assistance dog for a station tour and some fun activities.

CREATING A WELCOMING AND ACCESSIBLE ENVIRONMENT

In preparation for the day, Station Guide Lydia Smith, a graduate in British Sign Language and Deaf Studies, delivered a session to help staff at Heysham better understand the experiences of deaf individuals and create a welcoming and accessible environment. Lydia was supported by fellow tour guide **Leah**, who shared insights as a parent with two deaf sons.



A SPACE WHERE EVERYONE FEELS SEEN, HEARD AND VALUED

Visiting new places isn't always easy if you use sign language. The team at Heysham wanted to create a day that felt welcoming and deaf-friendly as part of a bigger commitment to make the Visitor Centre more accessible and inclusive. By giving guides the tools to communicate more confidently, they're taking an important step towards creating a space where everyone feels seen, heard and valued.



Lydia said: "A lot of my colleagues had never met a deaf person before and wanted to understand how they could communicate more effectively. I showed them an example of poor communication by covering my mouth and turning my back while I was talking. Not every deaf person communicates with sign language but by teaching some signs to the guides they have new skills to use in future interactions."



ROLLING OUT DEAF AWARENESS TRAINING

The team would be delighted to offer training across the company, in addition to running deaf awareness events twice a year at Heysham visitor centre to both adults and children.



"It's not just about learn how to sign simple phrases," said **Sarah**. "It's about opening our minds to different ways of understanding each other."

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE HEYSHAM DEAF AWARENESS EVENT ON eNZO

SUPPORTING OUR EMPLOYEES WITH HEARING DIFFICULTIES

An estimated **4.4 million** people with hearing loss are of working age in the UK, however the **employment rate is 65%**, compared to **79% of people with no long-term health issue or disability***.

People within the deaf and hard of hearing community will have different communication needs, which may include sign language interpreters, lip speakers or electronic notetakers.

We can help deaf people at work by:

- **Speaking clearly** and at a normal pace without mumbling.
- Using **headsets** to improve sound quality and turning cameras on to help read body language.
- Considering **meeting layouts** for lip reading and seeing faces.
- Taking **detailed notes** from meetings.
- Using **hearing loops** in meetings (a sound system that provides a clear audio signal directly to the user, minimising background noise).
- Improving **acoustics** with soft furnishings like carpets, acoustic panels and rubber caps on chair and table legs, and minimising background music.
- Sign up to a **British Sign Language** (BSL) course online (you can use your Learning For All allowance towards this).

* inclusiveemployers.co.uk

CARING THROUGH CRISIS

September is World Alzheimer's Month. **Darren Jeffery**, a People Consultant in Retail, shares how he navigated the complex journey of his parents' dementia.





Supporting both my parents through dementia has been one of the most emotionally demanding experiences of my life. I first started noticing subtle signs, like my mum forgetting names and memories, but it quickly escalated.

For months my mum packed bags every morning, convinced she lived elsewhere. By evening, she was desperate to leave. My dad was overwhelmed, and I needed to visit often, to calm my mum down and help.

After a long and difficult process, we got formal diagnoses, first for my mum and then recently for my dad.

A SECOND JOB

There were moments I'll never forget: my mum no longer recognising me, police searches when she went missing, and the painful decision to move them into care. Weekends were spent clearing their house and working through financial and legal admin. It felt like a second job.

My manager gave me the flexibility to respond to emergencies, and the Alzheimer's Society explained concepts like 'sundowning' where people with dementia often get worse in the evenings, and guided me through legal steps. I wish I'd known earlier how crucial it is to secure lasting power of attorney before capacity declines – it's the key to managing everything.

LOVE IN ACTION

Emotionally, the toll is immense. You're grieving while still caring. But you do it because they are amazing parents. Now it's my turn to be there for them.

I'm sharing this part of my story because I want other people who are going through a similar situation to be prepared. It can take a long time, and it's incredibly hard, but it's worth it to know that my parents are now safe, cared for and in the right place.

If I've learned anything, it's to try and find humour where you can – like the time my mum wore my dad's pyjamas to the memory clinic. In those moments, laughter is a lifeline.

WATCH OUR VIDEO ON eNZO TO SEE MORE OF DARREN'S STORY



DEMENTIA CHECKLIST

If you're concerned that someone you love is showing signs of dementia, Alzheimer's Society has a dementia symptoms checklist to help you discuss your concerns with the GP.

FIND THE CHECKLIST ON THE ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY WEBSITE



ACCESSING SUPPORT

The Carers and Accessibility Network is a space to connect with others who are navigating similar experiences. You can also make use of the free Care Concierge Service, designed to help you through the journey of later life care.

FIND OUT MORE ON eNZO

FROM MODELS TO MILESTONES



Natasha Robertson, Site Engineer Apprentice at Hinkley Point C, tells us how her apprenticeship has taken her from design to delivery.

I've been working on the Hinkley Point C project for six years, initially as a Digital Engineering Apprentice and then on site while completing my degree. I'm now a Site Engineer Apprentice and it's been fantastic to move from creating 3D models to actually using them on site and seeing how they come to life on such a huge scale.

My days are split between the site and the office, juggling everything from reinforcement checks to concrete pours. It's a mix of quality control, health and safety, and all about making sure things are built right.

There's a real buzz working here. One of my proudest moments was helping to prepare a complex concrete pour in the fuel building for Unit 1. We spent eight weeks planning every detail, and when we finally did the pour, it felt like such a win.

I thrive on the challenge and the team spirit. Everyone's pulling in the same direction and when we hit a milestone, it's an amazing feeling. I grew up in Bridgwater so working just down the road feels extra special.

Once Hinkley Point C's operational, I'd love to take everything I've learned and apply it to future projects, possibly even Sizewell C. I'm looking forward to seeing where the journey will take me next.

A day in the life

- **7.30AM:** Arrive at work, check emails, plan my day and start any urgent tasks.
- **9AM:** Travel to site. Weekly team meeting with supervisors to plan works and discuss potential issues.
- **10AM:** Reinforcement checks using the 3D model.
- **12PM:** Lunch.
- **1PM:** Check upcoming pours and order reinforcement and embedded items.
- **3PM:** Book inspections for the following day, fill out forms and send the inspection scope.
- **4PM:** Write a non-conformance report if we can't install the reinforcement as per design and need an alternative solution.
- **5.30PM:** Home time.



DOCTOR OF DELIVERY

Rob Jordan, Project Construction Director at Hinkley Point C, reflects on how safety, culture and connection are at the heart of the project's success.

I love the challenge of running a project of this size. I come in early and take a moment on the balcony to look out over the site. It's incredible to see what's been achieved.

In my role I'm constantly re-evaluating – where we are, where I am and how we can improve things. The only way to deliver a project of this scale is through our people, creating a place where they feel safe to speak up. Concrete and steel aren't the challenges. It's how you get there and that's all about people.

WATCH ROB DISCUSS HIS DOCTORATE AND CAREER ON YOUTUBE

WORLDWIDE WORKFORCE

It's a real global community at Hinkley Point C. I hold regular coffee sessions and the stories I hear – from a colleague who'd finally been able to buy their daughter ballet lessons after they started working here to finding out about someone's previous job as a security guard for Nelson Mandela – are inspiring. We measure success with our milestones, but the best thing is the joy on the people's faces when they've delivered them.

Receiving an Honorary Doctorate of Engineering from the University of Wolverhampton for my contribution to the industry was a humbling experience. I didn't expect it, but standing in front of hundreds of students, with my children flown in from Australia, was unforgettable.

ROB AT HOME

Outside of work, I live in Taunton with my wife and youngest daughter. I have six children in total and the eldest five are all in Australia. At the weekends I dabble in cooking and do a lot of driving to get my daughter where she needs to be. It's busy, but grounding, and a welcome contrast to the intensity of the week.

INDUSTRIAL PLACEMENT NETWORKING EVENT

At the start of August, the 2024-25 industrial placement (IP) cohort gathered for an end-of-year networking event at Nova North. The event was organised by four members of the IP committee and featured a CV workshop, team-building activities and a panel discussion with graduates and Early Careers. It provided valuable guidance and connection opportunities to prepare for the next steps in their careers.





PURPL PERKS FOR OUR DISABLED CUSTOMERS

The Customers team is excited to share that we've partnered with Purpl, a discount service for people who are registered disabled.

Members can enjoy a £50 gift card for dual fuel or £25 for single fuel when they sign up to selected tariffs. It's available to both new and existing customers.

Purpl was founded last year by Georgina Colman, who lives with MS. Her mission is to help others with disabilities save money.

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GET INVOLVED WITH EDF MentorConnect

MentorConnect is our new mentoring app which launched in July to replace Mentorloop. Fully integrated with Microsoft Teams, you can easily find and chat with a mentor or mentee without needing a separate login. Mentoring is a powerful way to build relationships, share skills and grow your career. You can add MentorConnect by searching for it in Apps+ in Teams.

The team is currently working to make MentorConnect available for all parts of the business.

BUILDING A BRIGHT FUTURE

The Nuclear Services team based at Gloucester Business Park welcomed 54 students from local schools for an immersive work experience programme designed to inspire younger generations into joining the energy sector.

Students from Years 9 to 11 explored how electricity is generated, and got an insight into engineering, cyber security and innovation roles. They also sharpened their employability skills through CV workshops, shadowing and presentation training.



FIND OUT MORE ON eNZO

NOW IS THE TIME



ARE YOU READY?

National Inclusion Week is on the way

NOW IS THE TIME

National Inclusion Week runs from the 15-21 September and is all about building a culture where everyone feels welcome, valued and able to thrive. This year's theme, 'now is the time', reminds us that the future starts with what we do today, together.

What's coming up?

- **Bitesize webinars**, like Speed Allyship and PechaKucha (a type of storytelling).
- **Six inspiring podcasts**, including topics from psychological safety to shared parental leave.
- **Games and fun:** bingo, quizzes, word searches and even a music video.

Plus, don't miss our exciting headline event, Inclusiversity Challenge, where our executive and senior leadership teams go head-to-head answering your questions.

FIND OUT MORE AND SIGN UP TO OUR EVENTS ON THE NIW HUB

FOREST FUEL



WHERE IN THE WORLD?

The Refoenergy Villanueva biomass plant in Colombia is turning eucalyptus into clean energy.

FIND OUT MORE ON VIVRE ONLINE

A partnership between EDF Colombia and Refocosta, the plant will generate more than 200GWh of electricity annually, enough to power thousands of homes, and will cut CO_2 emissions by 70,000 tonnes a year.

The biomass plant uses eucalyptus wood, which is chipped and fed into a boiler, where it's burned to create heat. This heat turns water in the boiler's pipes into dry steam which powers a turbine to drive an alternator to produce electricity for the grid.

The eucalyptus trees are grown on acidic soil, unsuitable for farming. They don't need watering due to the Villanueva region's heavy rainfall – more than 3,000mm a year.

This sustainable cycle supports local biodiversity and creates jobs, with 300 people involved at peak construction.

With 85% of the plant built and a 14km power line underway, Refoenergy Villanueva is a step forward in Colombia's renewable energy journey



QUIZ:

CELEBRATING SIGN LANGUAGE

In honour of International Day of Sign Languages on 23 September, we've put together a quiz on the Deaf community and British Sign Language. See how many you can get right.

1. According to RNID, roughly how many adults in the UK are deaf or have hearing loss?
A. 1 million
B. 18 million
C. 25 million

2. Approximately how many deaf people are there worldwide?
A. 52 million
B. 62 million
C. 72 million

3. What does fingerspelling in sign language mean?
A. Spelling out words using hand signs for each letter
B. Writing with your fingers in the air
C. Typing on a keyboard

4. In what year was British Sign Language (BSL) first formally recognised as a language by the UK Government?
A. 1983
B. 1993
C. 2003

5. What does the sign for 'please' and 'thank you' in BSL involve?
A. Tapping your chest
B. Moving your hand away from your chin
C. Waving both hands

6. How do you say 'sorry' in BSL?
A. Circular motion on the chest with a closed hand
B. Tapping your chin with your index finger
C. Moving your hand away from your chest with palm forward

7. How many different sign languages are there around the world?
A. Around 10
B. Around 300
C. Around 1000

8. Who founded the first school for the deaf in Paris in the 18th century?
A. Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet
B. Laurent Clerc
C. Abbé de l'Épée

9. How long does it take the average BSL interpreter to fully qualify?
A. 5 years
B. 6 years
C. 7 years

10. BSL has its own syntax and grammar, different to spoken English. What's the name of the language, similar to BSL, where a person signs in the order they would speak the words?
A. Sign Supported English
B. Supported Sign Language
C. Language with Signs

Answers: 1b; 2c; 3a; 4c; 5b; 6a; 7b; 8c; 9c; 10a



CONNECT'S 2025 PHOTO COMPETITION WINNER

Congratulations to **Weronika Bukowska**, an Industrial Safety Advisor at Hinkley Point C, who has won our 2025 photo competition and a £200 voucher. This year's theme was moments that matter.

Her photo wowed the judges who said: "It really conveys the peace and tranquillity of the balloon flight."

Weronika said: "This was my very first hot air balloon ride and was absolutely magical! The day was filled with so much pre-flight excitement which changed to a deep sense of peace and reflection the moment we rose above the ground. The morning landscape unfolded in silence as we watched Bristol slowly wake up."

Thank you to everyone who entered, we had lots of fantastic entries which we will continue to share online and in future issues.

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