

Young Energy Professionals Forum

The challenges of the future energy mix

Energy UK's Young Energy Professionals Forum was in Scotland for its first event of 2017, hosted by SSE. The event held at the University of Strathclyde aimed to seek clarity for YEPs, on what the challenges might be for the energy mix and industry alike.

Opening the evening was Kat White, Head of Energy and Climate Change projects, Scottish Government, she gave an overview of the Scottish Government's recently released Energy Strategy. The Climate Change Act is a defining pillar of the strategy which aims to be a long term vision for the industry she explained.

Following the keynote speech, a panel discussion with questions from the audience followed. The all-female panel featured; Kat White, Maria Isabel Liendo, Head of Regulatory Investment & Reporting, Professor Karen Turner, Director of Energy Policy Institute, University of Strathclyde, Debbie Harper, Associate Planning Policy & Economics and Macarena Martin Almenta, Graduate Engineer and YEP Steering Committee Member.

Discussions focused on the challenges we see the costs of technologies, policy certainty, deliverability, the people available and the regulations faced to name but a few. Whilst there was disagreement on which challenge will be dominant, what was agreed is that we will see a much bigger mix of technologies in the future.

Finally, an agreed point was to make consumers see the return they have from a cleaner energy mix for example. By ensuring there is a tangible benefit and personal return will improve the appeal to consumers and help in achieving the buy-in towards decarbonisation and the cost to do so.

Thank you to SSE for hosting the event and the team behind the organisation of the event, your help is greatly appreciated in making events like this a success. Thank you must also be had to our panel and to everyone who was able to attend. The next YEP Forum event will be at Utility Week Live on 24 May, discussing the role of an industrial strategy for energy.



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