

HyNet 2026: Time to Deliver

Tuesday 24th March | 9.30am for 10am | Manchester Hall

HyNet 2026: Time to Deliver celebrates one of the UK's most inspiring infrastructure success stories. With construction now underway, this year's conference will unite stakeholders to explore the opportunities, innovation and economic benefits HyNet is bringing to the region.

09.30 - 10.00 ARRIVAL

10.00 - 10.10 Welcome: Time to Deliver

David Parkin, Director, HyNet Alliance

10.10 - 10.20 Keynote

Eleanor Lewis, Strategy Analyst, United Infrastructure

10.20 - 11.00 Spades in the Ground: Delivery Starts Now

Chaired by Clare Hayward, Chair, Sustainable Ventures

The first three projects to move into construction in HyNet, ranging from the big picture to the smaller details – what is being delivered, how is the supply chain structured and what does it mean for local communities?

Bruce Becker, Head of Projects Development, Liverpool Bay CCS

Tim Roff, Head of Technical Consultancy Energy Transition, United Infrastructure

Gareth Price, CCS Director, Heidelberg Materials UK

Andrew Bellis, Padeswood CCS Project Director, Worley

Andy Bedford, Low Carbon Development Director, Encyclis

Kai Lieball, Decarbonisation Director, Kanadevia Inova

11.00 - 11.30 Mobilising the North West and North Wales for Delivery

Chaired by Mark Knowles, Energy and Industry Lead, Liverpool City Region

The regional context for HyNet's delivery – jobs, skills and maximising socio-economic benefit:

Rodney Berkeley, Infrastructure Director, Department for Business & Trade

Duncan Birtwistle, HyNet Alliance Manager, Progressive Energy

Stuart Broadley, Chief Executive, The Energy Industries Council

Jane Gaston, Chief Executive, Net Zero North West

11.30 - 12.30 BREAK - Late morning brunch

12.30 - 13.30 Navigating the Politics of Climate Change

Chaired by Tim Rotheray, Chief Sustainability Officer, Viridor

The political context of net zero, and what role HyNet can, and should, play in the debate. Explore how clean energy infrastructure can instil pride in communities and maintain a mandate by benefitting local people.

Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester Combined Authority

Steve Rotheram, Mayor of Liverpool City Region Combined Authority

*Louise Gittins, Cheshire and Warrington Combined Authority and
Leader, Cheshire West and Chester Council*

Ruth Herbert, Managing Director, Essar Energy Transition

Phil Hemmens, Special Advisor, Eni CCUS Holding Ltd

Simon Willis, Chief Executive, Heidelberg Materials UK

13.30 - 14:00 CCS Sprint! – Part 1

Chaired by Olivia Powis, Chief Executive, CCSA

HyNet's CCS expansion projects – the road to final investment decision

Matthew Bridgeman, Development Manager, Evero

Helen Rogers, General Project Manager, Uniper

Richard Holden, Strategic Interface Manager, EET Hydrogen

14.00 - 14.30 BREAK

14:30 - 15:00 CCS Sprint! – Part 2

Miles Waistle, Head of Policy & External Affairs, Enfinium

James Eyton, CCUS Director, Viridor

Tim Shire, Process Engineering & Strategy Manager, EET Fuels

Rachael Mather, Project Development Manager, Climeworks

15.00 - 15.45 Forming the Foundations for Britain's Hydrogen Future

Chaired by Clare Jackson, Chief Executive, Hydrogen UK

Rob Donovan, Hydrogen Pipeline Project Director, Cadent Gas

Robin Cannings, Commercial Director, Storengy UK

Marta Csibra, Head of Strategy & Business Development, EET Hydrogen

Catherine McHale, Hydrogen Project Director, ESB

Henry Aron, Hydrogen Business Development Manager, RWE

Chris Dye, Global Renewable Energy Category Manager, Pilkington Glass

15.45 - 16.15 Establishing the Route for the Future

Louise Gittins, Cheshire and Warrington Combined Authority

Chris Manson-Whitton, Chief Executive, Progressive Energy

Joe Seifert, Chief Executive, EET Hydrogen

Jeremy Allen, Deputy Director, Department for Energy Security & Net Zero

16.15 - 16.30 Closing Remarks

Louise Gittins, Cheshire and Warrington Combined Authority