

Cogent Skills to facilitate first national occupational standards for hydrogen to help shape skills required for green jobs

Following a successful contract bid, Cogent Skills is to facilitate the development of the UK's first National Occupational Standards (NOS) for hydrogen production, storage, and transportation.

Government plans for a thriving hydrogen sector are set to unlock investment of £4 billion by 2030¹ as well as supporting thousands of high-quality green jobs. The announcement of new technical standards to be developed in collaboration with employers in the industry is a critical step towards establishing a highly skilled and competent workforce and underpins the UK's ambition to become a global leader in green technologies.

With over 23,000 separate NOS already developed, the new occupational standards will set out the standards of performance individuals must achieve, together with the knowledge and skills required to work safely and effectively in the hydrogen production, storage, and transportation industry. Widely recognised across all four nations and by employers, regulators, and awarding bodies, NOS are an important part of the skills landscape. NOS can also be transferred into qualifications or training programmes, influence

job descriptions or be used as a measure of workplace competence.

Ian Lockhart, Standards Manager at Cogent Skills, commented, "We're looking forward to working with partners to develop the new National Occupational Standards for hydrogen. Cogent has a rich history of working collaboratively across the science industries to support the needs of employers. The creation of new technical standards for hydrogen is an important step in supporting the growth of green jobs as we transition to a low carbon economy."

Due to be completed by March 2023, Cogent Skills are currently recruiting employers and stakeholders from across the sector who are keen to play a leading role in the development of these ground-breaking new standards.

For more information on how to get involved please contact: Ian.Lockhart@cogentskills.com

¹<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-government-launches-plan-for-a-world-leading-hydrogen-economy>

²<https://www.ukstandards.org.uk/About-nos>

Lokring UK and Ireland new appointment

Lokring UK and Ireland have appointed Harvey Trounson as their new technical sales engineer for the North West. Harvey joins the team after completing a masters in Aerospace Engineering at Liverpool University.

Over the next 6 months he will undertake 6 months technical product training during which time he will be meeting with existing customers across the North West and Midlands regions. Harvey is looking forward to working with site engineers in helping reduce maintenance, improve schedule, and increase site safety.

The Lokring "Cold Weld" pipe and tube connection provides an ASME B31 permanent joint without the requirement for hot work and reduces the required resources needed on site to undertake repairs and maintenance. Utilised by the chemical, petrochemical and oil and gas industries both in the UK and Worldwide.

Harvey replaces Andrew Kilduff who has been the technical sales engineer in the North West for the past 14 years. Andrew has now moved into the role of EPC project manager, a role which focuses on large scale new build projects not only in the UK but within overseas regions covered by Lokring UK including the Middle East, Caspian, and Africa.

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