

Global Underwater Hub

Marine Energy Newcastle 2026

Tuesday, 10 March

Global Underwater Hub, Newcastle



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body for the UK's
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The Marine Energy Council is the voice of the UK's tidal stream and wave energy industries.

The Marine Energy Council represents technology and project developers, consultants, test-centres and sites, academics, associations, manufacturers, and small and medium sized enterprises. Its vision is for ocean energy to play a key role in a secure, cost-effective, and fair transition to net zero, enabling investment, exporting great British innovation, and levelling up with employment opportunities across the UK.

Learn more at www.marineenergycouncil.co.uk.

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Event overview

Global Underwater Hub and the UK Marine Energy Council have partnered together to host this one-day event that will explore the latest developments in wave and tidal energy, an area of great opportunity for the United Kingdom.

As an island nation, there is a huge opportunity for the United Kingdom to harness the power of the seas and waters that surround it to generate clean, green renewable energy. The European Marine Energy Centre (EMEC) in the Orkney Islands has provided a platform for the testing and development of wave and tidal devices for over 20 years, while other test and demonstrator facilities are located around the UK.

The UK has over 30GW of marine energy potential and has the capability to lead the world in developing, deploying and exporting marine energy technologies.

There is currently 10MW of tidal stream capacity deployed and an additional 120MW to be deployed by 2028, thanks to three consecutive ringfences in the UK's renewable auctions. Wave energy is the world's largest untapped energy resource, with a generating potential that is ten-times greater than Europe's annual electricity consumption.

The event will form parts, with the morning offering attendees firsthand insight into new technologies, industry trends and an overview of the market opportunity. Speakers will discuss what these projects and their companies need from the supply chain, government and financial companies to ensure the wave and tidal sectors can thrive as part of the energy mix as the UK looks to decarbonise its energy system.

During the afternoon attendees will participate in a stakeholder engagement session that is being hosted as part of the Marine Energy Taskforce (MET). This 12-month initiative was launched in June and will develop a roadmap, accompanied by a series of recommendations for the UK Government.

The session is designed to gather the thoughts and opinions of attendees around the four themes that are key to supporting the development of marine energy sector – site development, financing, innovation and supply chain growth. The MET will seek to set out how UK content can be embedded in projects deployed here and around the world.

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Conference programme

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| 08:30 | Registration |
| 09:00 – 09:15 | Welcome from Ricci Boston, Regional Director Global Underwater Hub |
| 09:15 – 09:30 | Sue Bartlett-Reed, Executive Director, UK Marine Energy Council |
| 09:30 – 09:50 | Jo Wilson, Co-Founder & Chief Engineer, EBB-Flow |
| 09:50 – 10:10 | Callum Johnson, Operations Engineer, MeyGen |
| 10:10 – 10:30 | Eileen Linklater, Corporate Affairs Director, EMEC |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Panel Discussion |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Networking break |
| 11:30 – 11:50 | Cameron McNatt, Commercial Director Mocean Energy |
| 11:50 – 12:10 | Oliver Wragg, Development Director, Orbital Marine Power |
| 12:10 – 12:30 | Ione Smith, Senior Product Manager, Proteus |
| 12:30 – 13:00 | Panel Discussion |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch |
| 14:00 – 15:25 | Stakeholder Engagement Workshop |
| 15:25 – 15:30 | Closing Comments |
| 15:30 | Event Close |

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Workshop session

In June, UK Government Energy Minister Michael Shanks MP launched the Marine Energy Taskforce (MET), a 12-month initiative tasked with developing a roadmap to realise the UK's marine energy potential. It brings together representatives of different government agencies, industry organisations and companies working in the wave and tidal sector.

The UK Marine Energy Council is chair of the MET, also acting as its secretariat. Over the course of year, the MET will explore what actions are required to realise the UK's wave and tidal energy potential in a manner that maintains high levels of UK content. An April 2025 report from the University of Edinburgh highlighted that the UK could add up to £50billion to its economy and create over 90,000 jobs by leading the global marine energy market.

The MET will focus on four themes that are key to supporting marine energy sector development in the UK, namely: site development, financing, innovation and supply chain growth.

The afternoon workshop aims to foster discussion around these areas, but also offers an open platform for delegates to contribute thoughts and suggestions more widely in relation to growing the UK marine energy sector.

Speaker biographies



Ricci Boston

Regional Director

Global Underwater Hub

Ricci joined Global Underwater Hub in April 2023 to lead operations in the north of England.

Prior to joining GUH, Ricci had successfully bid managed, mobilised and project managed large revenue projects in oil & gas, power stations, renewable energy, construction and onshore/offshore engineering sectors over the last decade.

He has extensive experience in commercial contract management, business development, client relationship management, dispute resolution and mediation, business P&L ownership, project mobilisation and project management.

Speaker biographies



Sue Bartlett-Reed

Executive Director and Chair
Marine Energy Council

Sue has 24 years' experience in the wind, wave and tidal sectors. Roles include technology development, operations management, project delivery, policy advocacy, financing and global markets.



She chairs the UK Marine Energy Council, is a Director of Global Underwater Hub and Marine Energy Wales, Commissioner for the Severn Estuary Energy Group and Non-Executive Director of Marine Power Systems. The recipient of the 2018 Society for Underwater Technology's Award 'Outstanding Contributions to Marine Energy' and awarded Ocean Energy Europe's Vi Maris 2019 award, Sue has a key role in the marine energy sector internationally. A marine energy advocate, Sue brings her extensive experience to the marine energy sector.

Speaker biographies



Jo Wilson

Co-Founder and Chief Engineer
EBB-Flow

Jo is a chartered mechanical engineer and co-founder of 4c Engineering and EBB-FLOW Energy. He has 18 years' experience in various types of renewables R&D, with most of that in marine renewables.

In his chief engineer role at 4c Engineering, most of his work is engineering problem solving of one sort or another – from concept development to advanced simulation or testing work – progressing clients' novel technologies up the TRL scale from concept to deployment.

In 2025, Jo co-founded EBB-FLOW Energy to develop a new type of flexible wave energy converter, using repeated, mass-manufacturable, generating cells.



Speaker biographies



Callum Johnson

Operations Engineer

MeyGen

Callum Johnson is a key member of the MeyGen Operations Team, bringing strong technical expertise across the Andritz and Proteus turbines, co-ordinating the MeyGen CMMS implementation, spares management, maintenance procedure development, and offshore operations.



In December, he led the planning and co-ordination of offshore maintenance activities, carrying out focused repairs and modifications to the operating turbines, completing all works in under 36 hours.

Speaker biographies



Eileen Linklater

Corporate Affairs Director

EMEC European Marine Energy Centre

After studying law Eileen worked in local government policy, until her enthusiasm for sustainable community development led her to join EMEC in August 2009.

In her time at EMEC, she has worked with a huge range of technology companies large and small worldwide. As Corporate Affairs Director, the market intelligence gained from this breadth of experience directly feeds her role. This includes stakeholder engagement and industry lobbying activities, as the Centre has become a global focal point for low carbon innovation, involved in R&D projects with a total value of £538m.



Speaker biographies



Cameron McNatt

Managing Director

Mocean Energy

Cameron McNatt is an ocean-energy innovator with 15 years' experience turning ideas into real impact at sea. As Managing Director and co-founder of Mocean Energy, he and Chris Retzler have spent seven years developing wave-powered solutions for offshore sectors including O&G and emerging low-carbon markets.



Cameron holds a Master of Ocean Engineering from Oregon State University and a PhD from the University of Edinburgh. Earlier in his career, he worked as a naval architect building ship-simulation software, and studied electrical engineering at Yale.

Speaker biographies



Oliver Wragg

Development Director
Orbital Marine Power

Oliver Wragg is Development Director at Orbital Marine Power, bringing over 18 years of experience in clean energy and science. He has been instrumental in securing more than £195 million in funding to accelerate the development of pioneering technologies that drive the clean energy transition.

A recognised leader in the ocean energy sector, Oliver also serves on the boards of the UK Marine Energy Council and the European trade body Ocean Energy Europe.

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Speaker biographies



Lone Smith

Senior Product Manager, PhD
Proteus Marine Renewables

Lone is Senior Product Manager at Proteus Marine Renewables, where she leads the company's Supply Chain Centre of Competency and supports the commercialisation of the AR Series tidal turbines as Proteus advances toward large scale deployment. Based in Edinburgh with Proteus Tidal (Scotland) Limited, she works across business units to strengthen the connection between product development and project delivery. Lone also leads the blade design and manufacturing work package for Proteus's future products.

Lone recently completed her Engineering Doctorate in Offshore Renewable Energy, where her research evaluated the suitability of thermoplastic resins for tidal turbine blade manufacture, advancing the understanding of the manufacturability and performance of alternative sustainable composite materials.

Before her doctorate, Lone spent five years as a Mechanical Design Engineer at Jaguar Land Rover and achieved Chartered Engineer status in 2022.



Future events from Global Underwater Hub

Global Underwater Hub organises a series of events throughout the year, bringing together businesses to discuss key industry topics. Full event information, including booking details and calls for abstracts can be found on our website at www.globalunderwaterhub.com, where you can also sign up to receive our weekly e-newsletter.

Moorings and Anchors Conference & Workshop

Thursday, 19 March 2026 | [Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh](#)

The third edition of this popular annual conference will provide an engaging platform for delegates to explore the key elements of the life cycle of mooring systems which are critical for offshore projects in multiple sectors.



Talent Strategies & Underwater Innovation

Thursday. 26 March 2026 | [GUH Hub, Newcastle](#)

Join us for a breakfast networking session sponsored by Complete Talent Services (CTS). This informal morning event will bring members together to connect, share experiences and hear practical insights into today's recruitment landscape.



Navigating Global Workforce Mobility

Tuesday 31 March 2026 | [GUH Hub Newcastle](#)

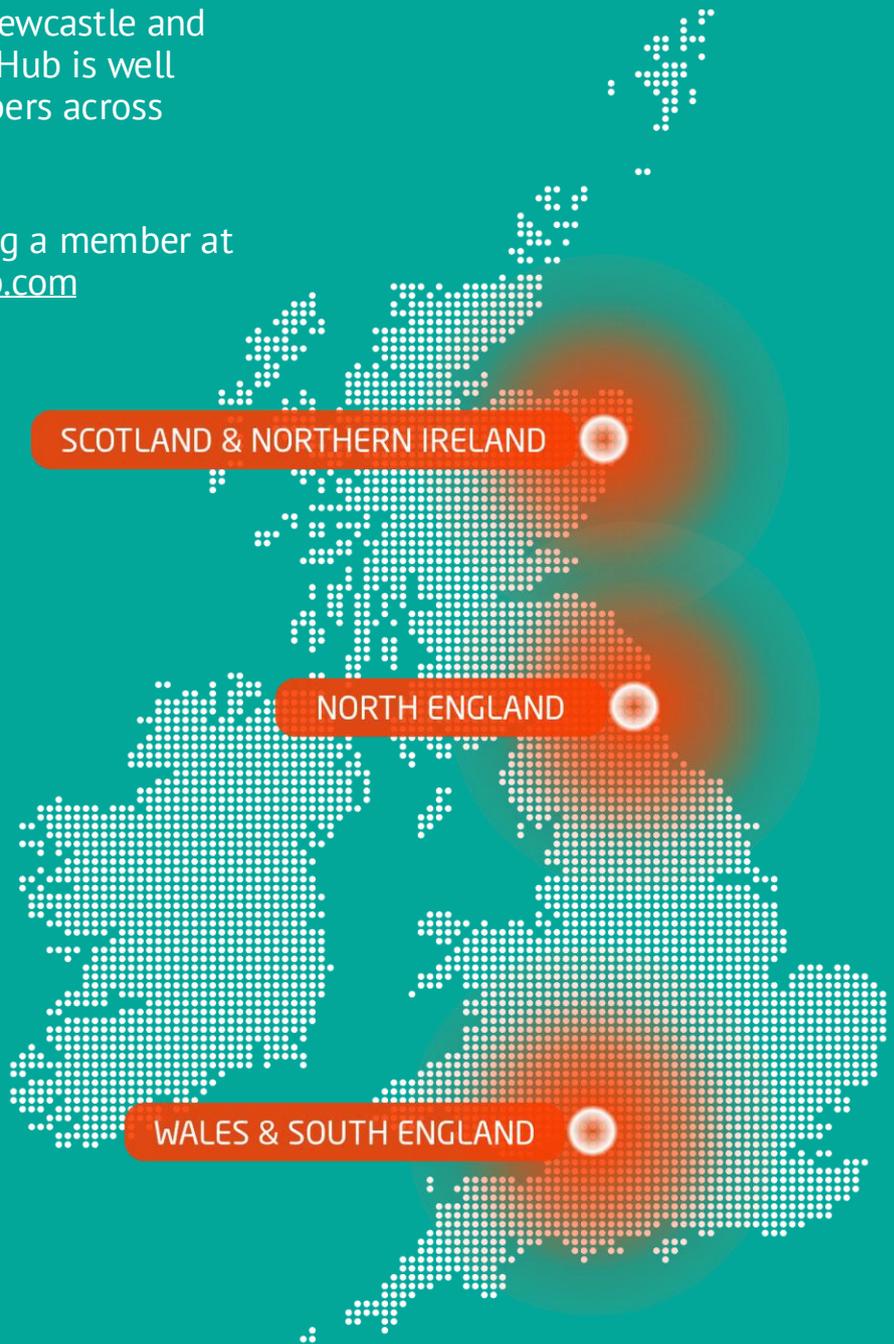
As part of our series of HR-focused events designed to help you stay informed, confident, and prepared for the year ahead, join experts Kelly Hardman (Fragomen) and Tom Harrison (Johnston Carmichael) as we explore global workforce mobility.



Led and governed by industry, Global Underwater Hub is helping to transform the UK's underwater industry into one of the largest and fastest-growing industries in the country, accelerating the drive to net-zero and creating high value jobs and exports.

With offices in Aberdeen, Newcastle and Bristol, Global Underwater Hub is well placed to support its members across the United Kingdom.

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