

NIA DECOMMISSIONING & EXISTING GENERATION GROUP

VICE CHAIR: NOMINATION

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MY BACKGROUND: In my current role, I am an Associate Director in Project Management within the Nuclear Sector at Tetra Tech Europe (formerly WYG), we are working in collaboration with SL, Magnox and Dounreay.

I am a Chartered Project Manager and experienced Architectural Graduate with 17 years' experience in delivering project and design resolution across the industry. I have worked mainly in design consultancy throughout my career, my main experience is in design management where I focus on the interfaces between design and construction. Notably, leading Civil, Structural & Architectural Delivery.

In my current role, I am the PM lead for Tetra Tech in establishing key opportunities through the DDP framework at Sellafield. Having grown up in Whitehaven, I have witnessed first-hand the notable benefits the nuclear industry has had within Cumbria, specifically for my own family. This has had a significant impact during my formative years which undoubtedly led me into my current career in the nuclear industry. Not only has my home county profited from job creation but the new nuclear strategy and emerging frameworks have provided a sense of invigoration and excitement for our nuclear future within the UK.



WHAT YOU WOULD ACHIEVE IN THIS ROLE:

“I am passionate about delivering nuclear decommissioning to path the way for new nuclear in the UK. Striving to achieve the NIA's missions and values by supporting in the pursuit to achieve Net Zero through Nuclear”

In the role, my emphasis would be on the encouragement of women pursuing careers in Nuclear by facilitating connections with the Women in Nuclear programme and supporting in building connections with STEM business and schools. An example of where I have demonstrated this is my involvement with WiN Cumbria and attending WiN networking events. In my current role I support and mentor two female direct reports working within the nuclear industry. Personally, as a female within the industry, I have a strong desire to promote diversity and inclusion. As part of the NIA team, I believe this platform would enable me to broaden the discussion whilst supporting the development of the NIA.

Finally, I would use the role to promote NIA's Mission of "Green Jobs". As a successful woman in the industry, I am an advocate for ensuring individuals secure skilled jobs available to them. As part of my current role, I ensure recruitment is consistent and the nuclear team continues to grow. If successful, I would be able to encourage connections to place people in nuclear roles and help NIA to achieve growth and development. Growing up in Whitehaven, I am cognisant of the need to ensure individuals are placed into secure jobs. Most nuclear plants are located in isolated areas. Ensuring access to secure, high skilled jobs is integral to promoting the continued nuclear growth with the next generation of nuclear professionals whilst supporting the community.

I would welcome, with your support, the opportunity to be Vice Chair and work alongside Connor Deehan, the NIA team, and the Decommissioning and Existing Generation Group members. For me, the opportunity to play a part in raising awareness of the NIA Business Group programme and membership is an exciting opportunity for me personally and beneficial for my employer, Tetra Tech. As I mentioned, I am passionate about Nuclear and this is embedded in my personal life and career, if given the opportunity, I believe I can use this passion to support the NIA in its targets.