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Annual Report 2024-25

PARLIAMENTARY GROUP FOR ENERGY STUDIES

History

Founded in 1980, the Group was established by former Conservative MP for Lanark and 17th Earl of Lauderdale, Patrick Francis Maitland, and The Rt Hon. Dr J. Dickson Mabon, former MP for Greenock and Port Glasgow and Labour Minister for Energy from 1976-79. It remains the only Parliamentary Group to cover all areas of the energy sector. Our aim is to advise the Government of the day on the energy issues of the day.

This diversity of expertise is evidenced by the broad range of subjects covered throughout the years by our monthly guest speakers and, more recently, by contributors to *Energy Bulletins*. Recent topics have included crisis recovery, Mission Zero, and updating our Energy Policy Priorities.

Mission statement

To provide a high-level forum for Parliament, industry, academia and others to discuss key energy issues, and share knowledge and expertise across the whole of the sector.

To promote the importance of these issues among key audiences and foster an informed, long-term view of domestic and international energy policy.

The Group's objective is to inform Parliamentarians of the day on the energy issues of the day.

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At the 2024 General Election, we lost our Chairman, Ian Liddell-Grainger MP, to whom many thanks are owed for leading PGES for many years. Mark Garnier OBE MP kindly stepped into the role, only to need to step down to concentrate on a Front Bench role. Thus it was our good fortune to find our current Chairman, Josh Newbury MP, who has had heavy involvement with the energy sector before becoming an MP.

We also lost our 2024 AGM to the General Election. The last AGM was held in July 2023. The after-effects of CoViD still lingered on, with Associate Membership slow to recover and political activities diverted to high politics instead of policy.

Through all this, PGES aimed to continue to inform the Parliamentarians of the day on the energy issues of the day, holding regular Speaker Meetings since then.

We were able to hold our House of Lords Dinner, very early in the Parliament, kindly sponsored by Alfa Energy, helping to establish some really good meetings, all listed later. Our speakers are still of the highest calibre and the topics focus on Net Zero, policy and priorities.

PGES has also introduced a new event into the calendar, a Winter Warmer Reception, held early in February, just when energy demand is at its peak. This innovation is another excellent opportunity for parliamentarians, academics and industry to meet and discuss the burning issues for energy of the day. The first was held in 2024, kindly sponsored by Institution of Gas Engineers & Managers and the second in February 2025, sponsored by Future Energy Networks.

Our Speaker Meeting topics included The Challenges for IPCC in its 7th Cycle, Transition in Steel, Transition in Nuclear, Space Energy, International Energy and Domestic Decarbonisation. These were given by representatives of IPCC, The US, Danish and Norwegian Embassies, Netherlands Sustainable Heat Association, Energy Geeks and Durham Energy Institute.

Parliamentary work continues on the fundamental issue of energy. It is even more important now that we focus on our objective of advising the Government of the day on the energy issues of the day. Even if policy matters are delayed by politics, the climate emergency takes no heed. That's why, like my predecessor, whatever the future may hold, I am confident that the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Energy Studies, along with its members, will be at the forefront of the policy discussion.

PGES remains open to new members involved in energy. Do, please, make contact if you think Membership or Associate Membership could be of interest to you.

Josh Newbury MP
Chairman, PGES
An All-Party Parliamentary Group

FINANCE

Accounts for the year to 28th February 2024 showed an operating surplus of £3,776 (cf the previous year's deficit of £13,603 for 2022-23. Our reserves were therefore improved to £9,098. The aim for 2024-2025 was to have a greater surplus as attendance at regular face to face meetings recovers, further encouraging memberships. Additional events would also help the balance if run well.

This proved true, especially with a surge of interest in the new Parliament. Accounts for the first full year to 31st July 2025 (our new year end) show an operating surplus of £9,856 (this is slightly affected by income from the interim period between full years, which also included the loss of the Summer Reception '24). Our reserves are now standing at £9,856.

Next year is looking more promising again, with strong Associate Membership levels and hopefully, three fully sponsored showpiece events.

Accountant's report to members

Thanks are due to Root Accountants, who has provided accounting services and to Paul Faber ACA at Landau Morley LLP, for guidance and auditing services for the Group, especially over the transition of year end dates.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership stands at 48 Parliamentarians who have declared support for PGES (of which 30 are MPs, 18 are Peers). A further 92 MPs engage with PGES meetings. There are 96 Associate Members (of which 8 are Academic Members, 21 are Associations, 64 Companies), Individual 29 (of which 20 are Life Members)

The key to PGES' success is the diversity of its members, with expertise in all aspects of energy from acquisition to consumption, no matter what the source.

Parliamentary

Several Parliamentarians have requested to join the Group recently, all Parliamentarian are welcome. Full membership details are set out below.

PGES Membership on 31st July 2025 was:

Supporting MPs

Jack Abbott MP
Gideon Amos MP
Jess Asato MP
Jonathan Brash MP
Sir Christopher Chope OBE MP
Victoria Collins MP
Harriet Cross MP
Bill Esterson MP
Marie Goldman MP
John Grady MP
Clive Jones MP
Sojan Joseph MP
Chris Law MP
Noah Law MP
Seamus Logan MP
Llinos Medi MP
Luke Murphy MP
James Naish MP
Josh Newbury MP
Steve Race MP
Adrian Ramsay MP
Dr. Sam Rushworth MP
Jim Shannon MP
Jeff Smith MP
The Rt Hon Graham Stuart MP
Luke Taylor MP
Richard Tice MP
Henry Tufnell MP
Martin Vickers MP
Steve Witherden MP

Supporting Peers

The Lord Ashcombe
The Rt Hon The Lord Callanan
The Lord Cameron of Dillington
His Grace the Duke of Montrose
Lord Duncan of Springbank
Lord Grantchester
Lord Haskel
Lord Howell of Guildford
Lord Ravensdale
Lord Redesdale
The Rt Hon. the Lord Selkirk of Douglas PC QC
The Lord Teverson
The Viscount Trenchard
Lord Truscott
Lord Turnbull
Baroness Walmsley
The Rt Hon. the Lord Whitty
Lord Wigley

Associate Membership

Associate Academic

GCU London
Imperial College
UK Energy Research
Centre/UCL
University of Dundee
The University of Manchester
University of Birmingham
University of Leeds

Associate Association

ADE
BCECA
BEAMA
Combustion Engineering Association
Confederation of Paper Industries
Durham Energy Institute
Energy and Utilities Alliance
Energy Institute
Energy Networks Association
EPSRC
Fuels Industry Association
Glass & Glazing Federation
Institution of Chemical Engineers
Institution of Gas Engineers & Managers
(IGEM)
Nuclear Industry Association
Smart Energy GB
Tank Storage Association
The Carbon Capture & Storage Association
The Faraday Institution
UKRI
World Energy Council

Associate Life

Dr. Gordon Adam
Sir Tony Baldry
Giles Chichester
Michael Clapham
Robert Erskine-Murray
Maxine Frerk
Sir John Hannam
The Rt Hon. Charles Hendry
Ian Liddell-Grainger
Chris Munro
Professor Peter Pearson
Michael Roberts
The Rt Hon Chris Skidmore
Paddy Tipping
Dr. Barbara Vest OBE
Judith Ward
Graham Ward
Professor Jim Watson
Dr. Alan Whitehead
John Wybrew

Associate Individual

Professor Keith Bell
Clive Dawson
William Fortescue
Maxine Frerk
John Hall
Joan MacNaughton CB Hon
FEI

Associate Members

AFC Energy
Applied Energy Ltd
Arup
BFY Group
Blackrock
Bluefield Solar
Bosch Thermotechnology
BP International Ltd
Brendan Bilton Consulting
British Management Data
Foundation
Burns McDonnell
Copenhagen Infrastructure
Partners
Cornwall Energy Associates
Dolan & Associates
Drax Power Ltd
EDF Energy
EDF Hynamics
Elexon Ltd
Energy Research Accelerator
Energy Systems Catapult
Enertek International
Epex Spot
ESB
Exolum
Exolum International Ltd
Exxon Mobil
Fluor Corporation
Greenergy
HiiROC
HSE
Innova Renewables
Invinity
KPMG
Lane Clark & Peacock LCP
Low Carbon Contracts Company
National Gas
National Grid
National Grid ESO
ND Metering Solutions
NEG
Nexant Ltd
Northern Gas Networks
Northern Powergrid
Nuclear Liabilities Fund

Associate Members (continued)

Ørsted
Powrmatic
Roadnight Taylor Ltd
RWE
Schneider Electric
Scottish Power
SGN
Shell International Limited
Silex World Ltd
Simon Fowler Design Ltd
SSS Gears
Stuart Turner Pumps
Talan
Telis Energy UK
TelosNRG Ltd
Trio
UK Power Networks
Uniper
Votwise Power
Wales & West Utilities
Watt-Logic

SPEAKERS AND FUNCTIONS

Sept 12th 2023 **Consumers and Net Zero**, Rachel Fletcher, Octopus Energy

Oct 24th 2023 **PGES House of Lords Dinner** kindly supported by Exxon Mobil hosted by The Rt Hon The Lord Whitty with Guest of Honour Angus MacNeil MP Chair of the Select Committee for Energy Security & Net Zero

Dec 5th 2023 **All-Party Energy Policy Forum** with spokespeople: Lab - Alan Whitehead MP, SNP - Alan Brown MP, Liberal Democrat - Lord Teverson, Con - David Duguid MP

Jan 16th 2024 - **Hydrogen in Industry** with Marian Garfield, Head of Sustainability, Heidelberg Materials, Gerald Mason, Senior Vice-President, Tate & Lyle, Sally Brewis, Head of Regional Development, Cadent Gas

Jan 31st 2024 – **PGES Winter Warmer Reception** kindly sponsored by Institution of Gas Engineers & Managers (IGEM)a networking reception with keynote speech by Oliver Lancaster, CEO, IGEM

Feb 6th 2024 - **Overview of the Net Zero Transition** with David Whitehouse, CEO, Offshore Energy UK

Mar 5th 2024 - **“Challenges for IPCC in its Seventh Cycle”**with Professor Jim Skea, Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

Apr 16th 2024 - **Transition in Steel** with Anil Jhanji, Chief Commercial Officer, Tata Steel and Carles Rovira, CEO, Celsa Steel

GENERAL ELECTION

Jul 23rd 2024 - **Inaugural Meeting** Mark Garnier OBE MP elected as Chair

Sep 10th 2024 - **Transition in Nuclear** - with Michael Drury, Managing Director, Lucid Catalyst Guy Esnouf, Director of Communications, Great British Nuclear and Daniel Mathers, Director, Nuclear Innovation and Research Office

Oct 22nd 2024 – **PGES Annual House of Lords Dinner** hosted by The Lord Teverson and kindly sponsored by Trio, with Guest of Honour The Rt Hon Andrew Bowie MP, Shadow Minister for Energy Security and Net Zero

Dec 3rd 2024 - **Energy Policy Workshop** with spokespeople: SNP – Dave Doogan MP, Green – Adrian Ramsay MP, Reform UK – Richard Tice MP, Plaid Cymru – The Rt Hon Liz Saville-Roberts MP

10th Dec 2024 – **Extraordinary General Meeting** Josh Newbury MP elected as Chair

Jan 14th 2025 - **Clean Power 2030** - Julian Leslie, Director Strategic Energy Planning, NESO

Feb 4th 2025 – **PGES Winter Warmer Reception** - kindly sponsored by Future Energy Networks with keynote speech by Toby Perkins MP, Chair of Environmental Audit Committee

Mar 4th 2025 - **Space Energy** - Sam Adlen, Co-CEO, Space Solar, Professor Richard Ambrosi, Professor of Space Nuclear Power Systems, Leicester University

Apr 1st 2025 - **International Energy** - Heather Bell, US Energy Attachée, Pil Krogh Tygesen, Danish Energy Counsellor and Bjørn-Erik Leerberg, Partner, Simonsen Vogt Wiig, Oslo

May 6th 2025 **Waste Busting: Getting to CP30 cheaper and quicker** - Laura Sandys, Energy Geek and Chair of The Green Alliance, Roger Hey, Energy Geek and Director at Smart GB Services and Eric Brown, Energy Geek and Director at Grid Scientific

Jun 17th 2025 **Domestic Decarbonisation – theory & practice** - Prof. Andrew Crossland, Durham Energy Institute and Josje Roest, Netherlands Sustainable Heat Association (Vereniging Duurzame Warmte)

Jul 15th 2025 **PGES Annual Summer Reception** in partnership with Energy Networks Association with Guest of Honour Michael Shanks MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Energy Security & Net Zero