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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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Stability has resumed under our Chairman, Josh Newbury MP, who has increased his role significantly. PGES has held a full programme of events, uninterrupted by politics until right at the end of the year. PGES aims to continue to inform the Parliamentarians of the day on the energy issues of the day, holding regular Speaker Meetings on interesting topics which are well attended, although we could always do with greater representation from the House of Commons in particular.

We held our House of Lords Dinner, very early in the Parliament, kindly hosted by The Lord Whitty and sponsored by Trio. Our Guest of Honour, Professor Myles Allen of the University of Oxford raised issues that some found uncomfortable and controversial, but nevertheless need to be addressed.

Early in February, just when energy demand is at its peak, PGES holds its Winter Warmer Reception. This 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 final event of the year was the Summer Reception, sponsored by the Energy Networks Association, at which we were able to hear from the Minister for Energy, Michael Shanks MP, who gave a round up of activities to date, but could not look forward as the new Prime Minister was about to take office.

Our speakers are still of the highest calibre and the topics focus on Net Zero, policy and priorities, topics included Offshore Energy Islands, Project Union, North Sea Oil & Gas, Bio-Hybrids and Decarbonising Off-Grid Homes. These are all listed on our website, www.pges.org.uk and later in the report.

We were also successful in the ballot for the Upper Waiting Hall Exhibition in late March. PGES pulled together a strong list of Energy Policy Priorities for 2026, which were passed on to the many MPs who visited the stands. The stands themselves carried figures from DESNZ showing that 1 in 13 workers in UK is involved in energy and that this would need a 15% uplift for the transition, with the large part of these jobs being manual and local, therefore spread across all constituencies and safe from replacement by AI.

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, 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 2026 showed an operating surplus of £15,863 (cf the previous year's smaller surplus of £8,491. Our reserves were therefore improved to £25,719. Thus, we achieved the aim to have a greater surplus, getting us back to pre-CoViD levels.

For the first time is what seems like many years, we were able to hold three major events, with our Winter Warmer Reception, Summer Reception and House of Lords Dinner. Attendance at regular face to face meetings has recovered, further encouraging memberships.

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

Accountant's report to members

Thanks are due to Burrow & Crowe Accountants, who has provided accounting services and to Paul Faber ACA at Landau Morley LLP, for guidance and auditing services for the Group.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership stands at 58 Parliamentarians who have declared support for PGES (of which 37 are MPs, 21 are Peers). A further 93 MPs engage with PGES meetings. There are 99 Associate Members (of which 6 are Academic Members, 24 are Associations, 69 Companies), Individual 32 (of which 18 are Life Members)

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

We have welcomed new Associate Membership from Liquid Gas UK, CIGRE, ORE Catapult, Moody's Analytics, Rider Levett & Butler and NextGen Zero.

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 2026 was:

Supporting MPs

Sadik Al-Hassan MP
Gideon Amos MP Amos MP
Jess Asato MP
Andrew Bowie MP
Jonathan Brash MP
Sir Christopher Chope OBE MP
Tom Collins MP
Victoria Collins MP
The Rt Hon. Claire Coutinho MP
Harriet Cross MP
Carla Denyer MP
Dave Doogan MP
Bill Esterson MP
Sir Roger Gale MP
John Grady MP
Wera Hobhouse MP
Clive Jones MP
Sojan Joseph MP
Chris Law MP
Noah Law MP
Graham Leadbitter MP
Seamus Logan MP
Angus MacDonald MP
Llinos Medi MP
Perran Moon MP
Luke Murphy MP
James Naish MP
Josh Newbury MP
Toby Perkins MP
Steve Race MP
Adrian Ramsay MP
Dr. Sam Rushworth MP
Jim Shannon MP
Jeff Smith MP
Hannah Spencer MP
The Rt Hon Graham Stuart MP
Luke Taylor MP

Supporting Peers

The Lord Ashcombe of Boldre
Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle
The Rt Hon Lord Callanan
The Lord Cameron of Dillington
His Grace the Duke of Montrose
Lord Duncan of Springbank
Lord Grantchester of Audlem
Lord Howell of Guildford
Lord McNichol of West Kilbride
Lord Ravensdale of Little Eaton
Lord Redesdale
The Lord Teverson
Lord Truscott
Lord Turnbull
Baroness Walmsley
Lord Alan Whitehead of St Mary's
The Rt Hon. The Lord Whitty
The Rt Hon The Lord Wigley
Baroness Winterton of Doncaster

Associate Membership

Associate Academic

Imperial College
The University of Manchester
UK Energy Research Centre
University of Birmingham
University of Dundee
University of Leeds

Associate Association

BCECA (British Chemical Engineering Contractors Association)
BEAMA
Citizens Advice
Combustion Engineering Association
Confederation of Paper Industries
Durham Energy Institute
Energy and Utilities Alliance
Energy Institute
Energy Networks Association
Energy Services & Technology Association
EPSRC
ESRC
ESTA
Fuels Industry Association
Future Energy Networks
Institution of Gas Engineers & Managers (IGEM)
Liquid Gas UK
MCS Charitable Foundation
Nuclear Industry Association
Smart Energy GB
Tank Storage Association
The Faraday Institution
UK-HyRES
UKRI

Associate Life

Sir Tony Baldry
Giles Chichester
Michael Clapham
Robert Erskine-Murray
Sir John Hannam
The Rt Hon. Charles Hendry CBE PC
Ian Liddell-Grainger
Professor Paul Monks
Professor Peter Pearson
Michael Roberts OBE
The Rt Hon Chris Skidmore OBE
Chris Stewart Munro Hon FEI
Paddy Tipping
Dr. Barbara Vest OBE
Simon Virley CB FEI
Graham Ward CBE
Professor Jim Watson
John Wybrew OBE

Associate Individual

Dr. Gordon Adam
Professor Keith Bell
Megan Cunningham
Clive Dawson MBE
William Fortescue FEI
Maxine Frerk
Dr. Chris Gentle
John Hall FEI
Joan MacNaughton CB Hon FEI
Angus MacNeil
Chris Stark
Judith Ward
Janet Wood

Associate Company

Applied Energy Ltd
Arup
Baxi
BFY Group
Bosch Thermotechnology
BP International Ltd
Brendan Bilton Consulting
British Management Data Foundation
Cadent
Cadent
Capgemini Invent UK
CIGRE
CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP
Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners
Cornwall Energy Associates
Crown Estate
DCC Energy GB
Delta H Consulting
DNV Services UK Ltd
Dolan & Associates
Drax Power Ltd
EdF Hynamics
Elexon Ltd
Energy Research Accelerator
Energy Systems Catapult
Enertek International
ESB
Exolum International Ltd
Exxon Mobil
Fluor Corporation
Fulton Boilers UK

Associate Company (cont'd)

HiiROC
H-Power
InfraStrata plc
Invinity
KPMG
Lane Clark & Peacock LCP
Moody's Analytics UK Ltd
National Gas
National Grid
ND Metering Solutions
NESO
NextGen Zero
Northern Gas Networks
Northern Powergrid
Nuclear Liabilities Fund
ORE Catapult
Powrmatic
Rider Levett & Bucknall
RJ Utility Consultants
Roadnight Taylor Ltd
RWE
Schneider Electric
Scottish Power
SGN
Shell International Limited
Silex World Ltd
Simon Fowler Design Ltd
Sizewell C
Smart DCC
SSS Gears
Telis Energy UK
TelosNRG Ltd
Trio
UK Power Networks
Uniper
Vectec
Wales & West Utilities
Watt-Logic

SPEAKERS AND FUNCTIONS

September 2025 Speaker Meeting - "How Offshore Energy Hubs can help achieve Net Zero
With Hessel de Jong, Chief Operating Officer, Copenhagen Energy Islands; Marina Mourão Starling, Director, Copenhagen Energy Islands

October 2024 Annual House of Lords Dinner
Hosted by The Rt Hon The Lord Whitty, Guest of Honour: Professor Myles Allen, Oxford University, Head of Atmospheric, Oceanic and Planetary Physics and Professor of Geosystem Science
Kindly sponsored by Trio

December 2025 Speaker Meeting - "Project Union" with Jake Tudge, Corporate Affairs Director, National Gas

January 2026 Speaker Meeting "North Sea Oil & Gas" with Andy Prendergast, National Secretary, GMB

February 2025 Winter Warmer Reception
Guest of Honour The Rt Hon Claire Coutinho MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero.
Kindly sponsored by Future Energy Networks and the Green Gas Taskforce

March 2026 Speaker Meeting - "Bio-Hybrids – cost-effective clean heat" with Charles McAllister, Green Gas Taskforce; Nic Crowe, Grissan Renewables; Faisal Haroon, Cadent Gas

March 2026 Upper Waiting Hall Exhibition
"Clean Energy Jobs"
launch Monday 23rd March 2026 with Parliamentary Drop-Ins on Tuesday 24th and and Wednesday 25th March

April 2026 Speaker Meeting - "Decarbonising Off-Grid Homes" with George Webb, CEO, Liquid Gas UK; Duncan Carter, Calor Gas; Paul Mannion, CRN Services; Chris Goggin, Rinnai; Geoffrey Mullett, Flogas

July 2026 Summer Reception – "Well Connected"
Guest of Honour Michael Shanks MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Energy Security & Net Zero
sponsored by the **Energy Networks Association**