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# NEPIC Meet the Members Conference & Expo 2023.

## What to expect.

Now in its 13th year, NEPIC’s annual Meet the Members conference & exhibition is a stand out event for the region! Packed with investment project updates and networking, Meet the Members is attended by investors, manufacturers and suppliers from across North East England’s chemical-processing sector.

Through Meet the Members Conference we outline the investment projects that lie ahead for the region, and the potential opportunities they present for your business, plus you’ll hear from inspirational speakers and businesses showcasing growth success stories.

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## Useful info.

### WIFI

The Wi-Fi is open access. Simply search Hardwick Hall Corporate! and enter the password: 01Password!

### NETWORKING

Please refer to the agenda on pages 7 & 8 for networking break times.

### REFRESHMENTS

Complimentary tea & coffee will be provided to delegates throughout the day. You will also find within your delegate bag a bottle of water.

### LUNCH

Lunch will be provided to all registered delegates and exhibitors and served between 13.00 and 14.00. To maximise networking and exhibition browsing time, we have once again opted for a working style sandwich lunch. Please notify Hardwick Hall service staff of any dietary requirements and preferences.

### MENTORING

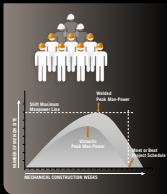
Pre-booked 1-2-1 business exchange appointments will take place in the conference area between 14.00 and 16.30. If you have an enquiry about these appointments, please visit to registration desk to speak to a member of the NEPIC team.

### TOILETS

Toilets are located within the main Marquee on the right-hand side when entering via registration.

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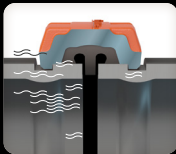
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## Event agenda.

09.30 - 11.00

**Philip Aldridge, NEPIC**

Welcome & overview of the sector in the North East region

**Steve Elliot, Chemical Industries Association (CPI)**

Keynote address via video

**Chris Rowell, Tees Valley Combined Authority**

Cluster Plan Update

**Ian Hibbitt, BOC**

**Stephen Coates, X-Energy**

X-Energy's collaborative approach to net zero on Teesside

11.00 – 11.30

**Networking Break**

Refreshments available

11.30 – 13.00

**Dr Tom Taylor, CPI**

The Emerging Battery Supply Chain in the UK

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## Event agenda.

**Mark Devine, Sembcorp**  
Sembcorp Inward Investment

### Panel Discussion: Tackling the Skills Gap

**Stephen Byard, Quotient Sciences**  
**Karen Burgess, CPI**  
**Mike Pizey, Altrad**  
**Matthew Oates, ECITB**

**13.00 - 14.00**

### Networking Lunch & Exhibition

Lunch served at the back of the marquee

**14.00 - 16.30**

### 1-2-1 Business exchange appointments

**16.30**

### Event Closes

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## Our speakers.



**Philip Aldridge**  
Chief Executive  
NEPIC

**Presentation Title:** Welcome and Conference Opening

Before being appointed Chief Executive in April 2018, Philip worked with NEPIC for 6 years helping deliver ERDF projects and supporting the Cluster's pharmaceutical members. Prior to his time with NEPIC, Philip held roles at the Centre of Excellence in Life Sciences and technical management positions within GSK in the UK and US.

With extensive pharmaceutical process development and manufacturing experience in the fields of antibiotics and biopharmaceuticals, Philip holds a first class honors degree in Biochemistry and a masters in Biochemical Engineering.



**Steve Elliott**  
Chief Executive  
Chemical Industries Association (CIA)

**Presentation Title:** Keynote address via video

Steve Elliott joined the Chemical Industries Association in 1997, spending four and half years as Head, International Trade with additional responsibility for Sustainable Development. In April 2002, he was promoted to the position of Director, Trade & Competitiveness and subsequently Director, Business Environment. Steve was appointed Chief Executive of the CIA in February 2006.

Prior to his career with CIA, he spent fifteen years working with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), a UK/South African trade advisory body and Crown Agents as an international trade policy and promotion specialist, as well as in general consulting with the BPI Group.

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## Our speakers.



**Chris Rowell**  
Head of Net Zero  
Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA)  
**Presentation Title:** TVCA Cluster Plan Update

Chris has had a varied career covering mechanical engineering in the renewable energy and automation sectors, software, communications, and public policy.

As part of his role at TVCA he Chairs the North East and Yorkshire Net Zero Hub, a BEIS-funded initiative to accelerate the transition to Net Zero, through such initiatives as developing a pipeline of clean local energy and related projects.



**Ian Hibbitt**  
Business Development Manager for Industrial  
Decarbonisation and Applications  
BOC

Ian's work on the commercialisation of technologies in the metal, glass, chemistry, steel and energy markets focusses on the decarbonisation of industry and industrial processes using hydrogen and industrial gases. He has more than 20 years' experience working for BOC. BOC, a Linde company, is the UK and Ireland's largest provider of industrial gases and is leading the drive to a greener future. BOC helps its customers to decarbonise operations using a range of proven technologies to reduce carbon emissions.

Ian is an active member of the Hydrogen UK Industry and Jobs and Skills working group, and the JZC (Jet Zero Council) and ZEF (Zero Emission Flight) delivery groups. He has been a member of the DESNZ (formerly BEIS) Sector development working group, DESNZ HAC research and innovation working group and the BLA Hydrogen project steering group.



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## Our speakers.



**Stephen Coates**  
UK Head of Operational Support  
X-Energy

**Presentation Title:** X energy's collaborative approach to net zero on Teesside

Stephen Coates has over 30 years of experience in the civil nuclear industry in both the UK and internationally. He has experience on operational utilities and new build projects. He has a strong operations back ground with experience gained at Hartlepool NPP, including the position of Shift Manager. He has also held senior positions on leadership teams including Operations Manager and Plant Manager at Dungeness B NPP in the UK. Prior to joining X energy he worked in the UAE as Nuclear Oversight Director at the Barakah Nuclear Power Plant at which he was part of the leadership team that took the first reactor in the Arab world through the final stages of construction and commissioning and into commercial operation. In X energy he is the UK head of operational support and uses his extensive knowledge and experience to ensure that X energy has a strong nuclear safety culture and appetite for risk reduction.



**Dr Tom Taylor**  
Director of Future Business  
CPI

**Presentation Title:** The Emerging Battery Supply Chain in the UK

Tom is responsible for development of CPIs capability in sustainable materials. He is also the Chief Engineer at the High Value Manufacturing Catapult for new and sustainable materials.

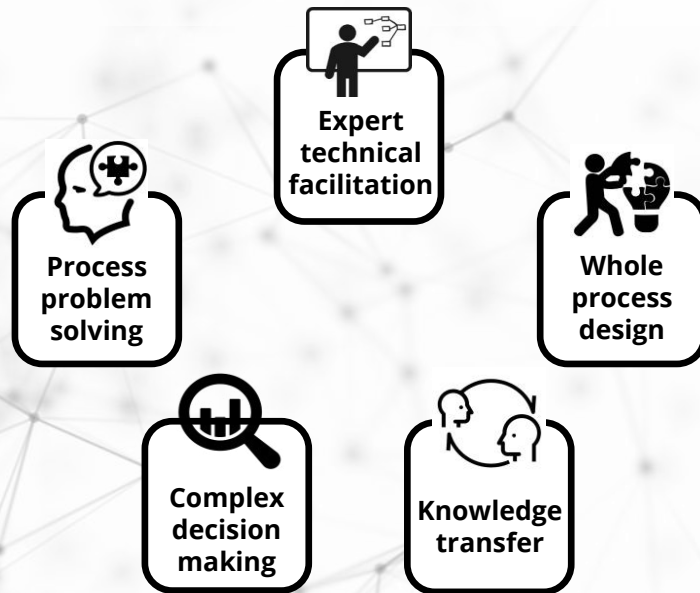
Tom is a Senior Industrial Innovation Manager with 30 years experience of high value products and manufacturing. He has a materials technology background and his focus has been on integrating novel materials into industrial scale processes. At CPI his focus in enabling clients to bring products to market quickly and cost effectively whilst managing risk through a thorough understanding of the specific needs of industry.





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## Our speakers.



**Mark Devine**  
Commercial Director  
Sembcorp Energy UK

**Presentation Title:** Clean Growth Opportunities at Wilton International

As Commercial Director, Mark oversees the management of key customers, both existing and prospective. Mark is helping to drive Sembcorp's decarbonisation journey in providing sustainable solutions for the Wilton International site and its assets across the UK.

Mark has over 20 years' experience in the energy industry, focused on gas and power commercial operations and trading, including being responsible for the trading operations of a large gas storage facility, and consultancy in power and gas markets. He has previously worked for both Total and Equinor.



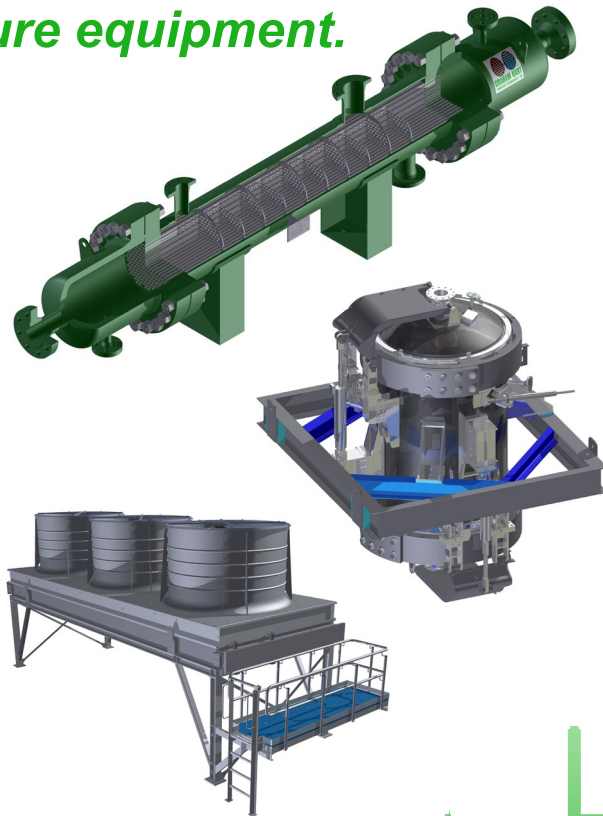
**Karen Burgess**  
Learning and Development Specialist  
CPI

**Presentation Title:** Panel Session

With experience of the pharmaceutical industry, education, and economic development, Karen is passionate about skills and building collaborations between employers and education. In her current role as a Learning and Development Specialist at CPI, Karen supports early careers, internal workforce development, and regional skills partnerships.

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**Stephen Byard**  
Principal Research Fellow  
Quotient Sciences

**Presentation Title:** Panel Session

Steve Byard completed his post-graduate research at the Department of Organic Chemistry, University of Leeds. He has spent more than 34 years working in the pharmaceutical industry for major global R&D organisations, with extended periods in the USA, and is currently a Principal Research Fellow at Quotient Sciences' Alnwick site in the UK. Steve has strong interests in physical and molecular characterisation, formulation development, structure elucidation, materials science and molecular biology.

Steve has published more than 30 peer-reviewed articles and chapters, presented his work at International Symposia and holds three patents. Since 2019 he has held an honorary professorship in the Physics Department at the University of Warwick, he has a visiting position at the University of Leeds and is an Associate Lecturer at the University of Northumbria.



**Mike Pizey**  
Regional Director for North East and Humberside  
Altrad

**Presentation Title:** Panel Session




Mike has 30 years' experience working in Oil and Gas, Petrochemical, Pharmaceutical and Power Generation industries. Previous companies include BP, INEOS and Doosan Babcock. I'm a Chartered Engineer and Construction Management professional and have worked in various roles including operations, maintenance, projects, turnarounds and change management. Transferred to Altrad with the acquisition of the Doosan Babcock business and as Regional Director I am responsible for multi-discipline service contracts in the North East and Humberside including SABIC, ConocoPhillips, PRAX, Sembcorp and Venator.

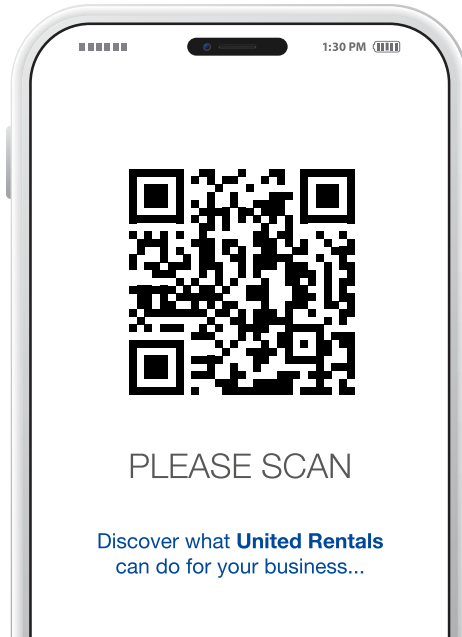
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## Our speakers.



**Matthew Oates**  
Director of Operations  
ECITB

**Presentation Title:** Panel Session

Matt ensures the needs of the Engineering Construction Industry is met through the effective delivery of the strategy. Leading the largest directorate in the ECITB, Matt is responsible for all employer related activity along with project delivery and ECITB Products which are deployed across the world.

Starting out as an apprentice after leaving school, a varied 30-year career has followed. Matt has held senior operational roles in industry and he has also worked in HR and Further Education before joining the ECITB last year to head up the Operations Directorate.



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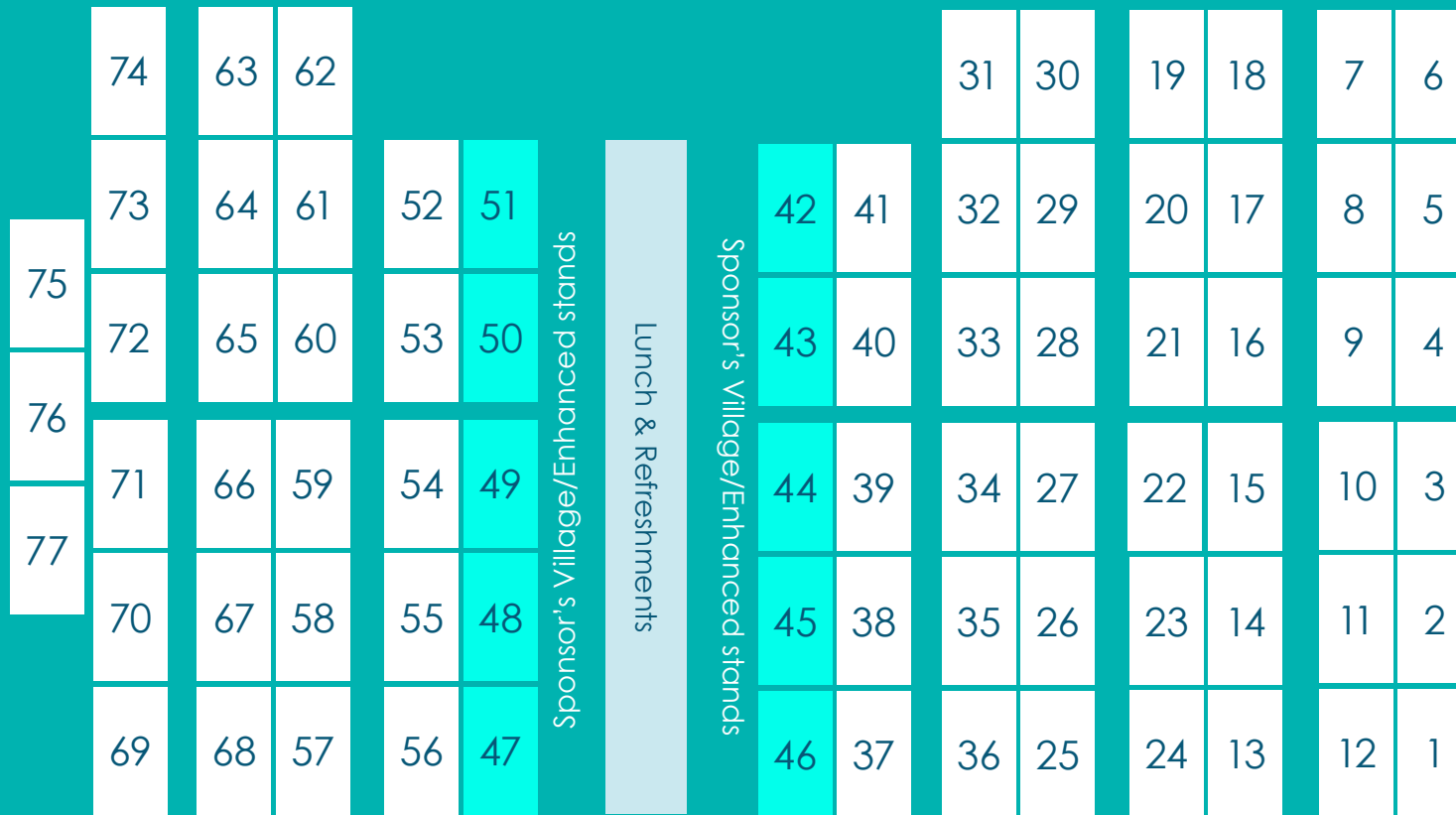
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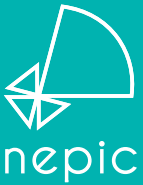
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12	Graham Hart (Process Technology)	50	Frazer-Nash Consultancy
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14	Evides Industriewater	52	Sembcorp Energy UK
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16	Johnson Procurement Solutions	54	North East Technology Park
17	Masfix	55	High Tide Foundation
18	PJD Engineering	56	Julabo
19	Universal Coatings and Services	57	Tees Valley Combined Authority
20	North England Laboratory Supplies	58	Thermon
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