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Welcome to this month's Sector Round Up where we highlight policy updates and important news from across our sector that is intended to help save you time and effort. As always, your comments and contributions are welcome. You can send them via the hyperlinks at the end of this newsletter.

Top Stories



Ofgem RIIO2 framework consultation response

Energy & Utility Skills submitted a formal response on workforce resilience to the Ofgem consultation on the shape and content of framework for the next price control review (RIIO-2).

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Utility sector employers meet senior government officials

Energy & Utility Skills facilitated membership-only meetings for its members with apprenticeship regulator Chief Executive, Sir Gerry Berragan, and the Chair of the National Infrastructure Commission, Sir John Armitt.

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Summary available of DfE's priorities for post-16 education and skills

The Department for Education (DfE) has published a single departmental plan which outlines its key objectives and how it will deliver them. A summary of its priorities for Post 16 and Skills for 2018/19 has been developed.

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Excellence honoured at Institute of Water President's Awards

Energy & Utility Skills jointly sponsored three categories in the skills section at the third annual Institute of Water President's Awards.

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NETWORK**

Ofwat Chief Executive, Skills Strategy support

Rachel Fletcher, the recently appointed Chief Executive at Ofwat, has given her support to the Workforce Renewal & Skills Strategy and encouraged those working within the Energy & Utilities Skills Partnership. The statement comes as 49 other senior leaders from sector employers, regulators, institutes and unions also back collective action on building workforce resilience.

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Ofgem plays its part in building utility sector attraction - Talent Source Network

Energy regulator Ofgem is supporting the efforts to attract new talent into the sector by providing case studies on the Talent Source Network (TSN) social media platform. Three of its team are explaining why they see career choices in energy as attractive, and are encouraging more people to follow their paths. Articles on **Josh**, **Svitlana** and **Keren** boost the ever growing range of sector partners now sharing their experiences.

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Policy Updates

Summary of Select Committee proposals for post-school education funding available

Following a consultation which Energy & Utility Skills contributed to, the House of Lords' Economic Affairs Select Committee has published its report into post-school education funding. We have produced a summary of its key recommendations, which can be read [on our website](#). The full report is available [here](#).

New T Level resources and scheme launched

There have been further developments regarding T Levels, following the Department for Education's focus on its implementation and the launch of the Taking Teaching Further programme by Skills Minister Anne Milton MP. [Read more](#).

Lords debate skills concerns post-Brexit

Concerns we have tabled on the sector's behalf on skills policy were repeated during a recent House of Lords debate on Brexit's impact on energy security. The Lords agreed that skills and the labour market were key issues that are not yet suitably addressed, they were not happy with **BEIS' official response** to the EU Committee Sub Group on Energy's '**Brexit: Energy Security**' report. Lord Henley, Parliamentary under

Secretary of State at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, will be writing to the Committee. We will update you.

Briefing released on new Office for Students

The House of Commons has produced a briefing on the Office for Students (OfS), which took on the role of regulatory body for the English higher education sector, in April 2018. This was part of a restructure, which saw the Higher Education Council for England (HEFCE) close and the Office for Fair Access (OFFA) merge with the OfS. This briefing gives information on the role of the body and gives background to the establishment of the body, sets out its functions and discusses the new regulatory system. Read the full briefing [here](#).

Other News

£22m fund launched to tackle construction skills shortage

Skills Minister for England, Anne Milton, has launched a £22 million Construction Skills Fund to help tackle the skills shortage in construction. [Read more](#).

Summary of Public Accounts Committee report on STEM delivery

The Public Accounts Committee's new report, 'Delivering STEM skills for the economy,' has been released. [Read more](#).

UK Government apprenticeship and technical education staff on the move to the ESFA

From early September 2018, staff from apprenticeships and the professional and technical education reform teams with the Department for Education will move into the Education & Skills Funding Agency. [Read more](#).

Ofgem appoints new Chairman

Martin Cave, who was previously Deputy Chair at the UK Competition Commission and Deputy Panel Chair of the Competition and Markets Authority, has been appointed Chairman at Ofgem. [Read more](#).

New chair of Skills Partnership Delivery Board

E.ON's HR Director Chris Norbury has been appointed Chair of the Energy & Utilities Skills Partnership's Delivery Board. [Read more](#).

Apprenticeship target exceeded in Scotland

The apprenticeships starts target set by the Scottish Government was surpassed in 2017/ 18. [Read more](#).

Sector Awards

NSAP Conference and People in Power Awards

Tickets are available for the National Skills Academy for Power (NSAP) 2018 Conference and People in Power Awards. [Read more](#).

Register interest in Utility Week Awards website

A new website is in the works that will announce submission details for entries to the Utility Week Awards. You can register your interest in the gala celebration, which will take place on 10 December, [here](#).

Wales & West Utilities apprentice wins IGEM competition

An apprentice engineer from Energy & Utility Skills' member Wales & West Utilities won IGEM's (Institution of Gas Engineers & Managers) Young Persons' Paper Competition. Sam Jones demonstrated how effective communication can build the confidence of customers experiencing disruption caused by roadside gas works. [Read more](#).

Diversity awards open in Scotland until 15 August

The Herald Diversity Awards, which recognise companies, organisations and individuals in Scotland that are working to equalise opportunities, is open for submissions until 15 August. Last year, ScottishPower's Sophie Russell received a commendation in the Rising Star Diversity Award category. [Read more](#).

Recommended Reading

Education Select Committee report on the higher education market

The Education & Skills Funding Agency's [list of apprenticeship frameworks to be removed](#).

Events

*Energy & Utility Skills members can claim discounted entry on events marked * by using the EUS15 promotional code when booking.*

28 Jun, National Recycling Awards, London. [Read more](#).

29 Jun, Utility Week Star Awards, Manchester. [Read more](#). *Energy & Utility Skills' Chief Executive Nick Ellins is on the judging panel and head judge in one category. Talent Source Network is sponsoring four talent-focused categories.*

12 Sep, NSAP Conference and People in Power Awards, Burton on Trent. [Read more](#).

9-10 Oct, Utility Week Congress, Birmingham.* [Read more](#).

1 Nov, Utility Week Health & Safety Conference, Birmingham.* [Read more](#).

10 Dec, Utility Week Awards, venue to be announced. [Read more](#).

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