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Welcome to this month's Sector Round-Up where we highlight policy updates and important news from across our sector.

Top Stories



Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) releases highly anticipated EEA migration report

The MAC has published their final report on the impact of EEA migration in the UK. It provides their recommendations for the UK's post-Brexit immigration system and assesses a range of areas including productivity and the labour market. Read the full report [here](#) and [our breakdown](#) on the Energy & Utility Skills website.

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Latest Higher Education statistics highlight need to drive diversity in our sector

The latest Higher Education Statistics Authority (HESA) report shows that less than one percent of HE leavers joined the energy and utilities sector. 80% of these students were white, 37% were female and five percent were non-UK students. Find out more in our HESA infographic.

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Utilities sector shows strong position in latest Manpower survey

Hiring activity in the utilities sector stands at +12% according to the latest employment outlook by Manpower group. The outlook also found that despite English employers reporting the highest confidence in 18 months, the overall UK hiring outlook is the worst since 2012 due to declines particularly in Wales and Northern Ireland.

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NSAP awards and conference

The eighth annual National Skills Academy for Power's (NSAP) **People in Power Awards** celebrated talent in the power industry earlier this month. The evening event followed NSAP's **Power Skills Summit**, where experts spoke about the future of the power industry, including embracing technology and creating a more diverse workforce. You can watch the conference video [here](#).

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Policy Updates

Impact of International Students in the UK

A recent report by the MAC has found that more than 750,000 students come to the UK each year to study, of which the majority study business or engineering and technology. It also found that 31% of students moving from a Tier 4 student visa into a Tier 2 work visa move into a STEM related job. Read more [here](#).

English Apprenticeship starts in June 2018 57% higher than previous year

The number of English apprenticeship starts for June 2018 are 57% higher than June 2017, but 40% lower than June 2016 according to the Education and Skills Funding Agency. So far, 22,300 starts have been recorded in June 2018, compared to 37,000 two years ago. Read more [here](#).

Young STEM leaders to mentor younger Scottish peers

Young people in Scotland will now be able to become STEM mentors as part of a new programme run by the Scottish Schools Education Research Centre, following a £500,000 funding announcement from Science Minister Richard Lohead. Read more [here](#).

Assembly Members debate latest Employability Plan for Wales

Following the launch of the Welsh Government's **Employability Plan** in March 2018, Senedd Research has provided an update on the plan and revisits some of the concerns that were raised earlier in the year. Read more [here](#).

Employer engagement with T Level placements report released

Employers welcomed the idea of T Level industry placements but couldn't commit until more information was released, according to the latest research by DfE on **Employer engagement and capacity**. It also found that employers from the Construction and Engineering & Manufacturing routes didn't see the benefit of T Levels over other qualifications or apprenticeships. [Read our summary of the report here](#).

Reviews and Consultations

Engineering Council Standards Review is open

Interested parties have until 24 October to contribute to the Engineering Council's five yearly Standards Review, which includes the requirements for **professional registration** as a technician or engineer and the rules and processes behind it. [Read more.](#)

Other News

New training providers join our network

We extend a warm welcome to the training providers that are now approved to deliver schemes on our behalf. These are **Site Energy Services, Total Training, Training Developments Scotland, TK Gallagher** and npower. To find out how to become an approved provider, or to search for one, email ayisha.khurshid@euskills.co.uk or call 0845 077 9922.

Solving the UK's productivity puzzle in a digital age

McKinsey & Company's latest report found that the UK is still 20% less productive than Germany, partly due to the fact that the UK has just 23% of the robotic use of Germany and as a country is one of the lowest adapters to Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the world. Read the report [here](#).

Migrant skills hub pilot launched in Glasgow

A new initiative led by Glasgow Caledonian University aims to set up Scotland's first migrant and refugee skills recognition and accreditation hub. Backed by the Scottish Government, it aims to see individuals realise their potential and help reduce skills gaps in sectors including construction and engineering. Read more [here](#).

Energy & Utilities Independent Assessment Service (EUIAS) to celebrate passing 500-mark

The EUIAS will mark passing over 500 apprentices through its end-point assessment at a special event at the House of Lords on 30 October 2018. More information, including a link to a full event report, will follow here and on the [EUIAS news pages](#).

Talent Source Network shortlisted for diversity award

Talent Source Network, Energy & Utility Skills' mass attraction initiative, has been shortlisted in the 'Diversity Star Performer: Recruitment of Talents' category in The Herald and GenAnalytics Diversity Awards 2018. The awards ceremony will take place on 11 October. [Read more.](#)

Events

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3-4 Oct, Scottish Resources Conference, Edinburgh. [Read more.](#)

5 Oct, Water Scotland Conference, Glasgow. ****** [Read more.](#)

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

11 Oct, The Herald and GenAnalytics Diversity Awards. [Read more.](#)

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

13 Nov, Assessors Guild Launch Conference (sponsored by the Energy & Utilities Independent Assessment Service), Westminster. [Read more.](#)

27 Nov, Women in Water, London. [Read more.](#)

10 Dec, Utility Week Awards, London. [Read more.](#)

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