

DSG**NDA – Update Report****June 7th 2023**Regional Stakeholder Event - Scotland

- After the event in Edinburgh last September, NDA has decided that the next in-person Stakeholder Summit will be held in Cumbria in 2024.
- There will be an online, virtual Summit this year, probably in October.
- Two Regional events on the theme of 'Innovation', will be held in June 2023. West Cumbria, June 8th and Glasgow, June 28th. The Glasgow event is co-created and hosted with University of Strathclyde and will be held at their Innovation and Technology Centre.
- Invitations have now been sent.
- More details on the agenda as soon as we have them.

New Chief Financial Officer

NDA has appointed Kate Bower as the new CFO. She joins NDA from Morgan Siddall and was also previously the CFO at Crown Estates.

NDA and New Nuclear

- Great British Nuclear has been launched. It will initially focus on Small Modular Reactors.
- Magnox Chief Executive Gwen Parry-Jones has become the first Chief Executive of GBN. She started this interim role on 1 May.
- Prior to GBN, NDA had been approached by a number of developers and technology providers asking about the availability of land on our sites. We have provided publicly available information on an open and transparent basis to enquirers.
- We are continuing to support Cwmni Eginio in Wales, in line with the Memorandum of Understanding agreed with Government.

Spaceport Funding

- Construction has begun at Sutherland Spaceport in Scotland, making this the first vertical launch spaceport to be built on the UK mainland
- NDA is one of a number of bodies supporting the Spaceport, which is near Dounreay.
- The development will support around 250 new employment opportunities in the Highlands and Islands over the coming years, including 40 jobs in Sutherland and Caithness.

Decontamination of Concrete Ponds

- The design of a new pond concrete decontamination machine has started at Dounreay, as well as the construction of an inactive trials facility.
- This will ultimately lead to active trialling in the Dounreay Fast Reactor pond as a lead and learn project for decommissioning.
- It will support the remediation of the Sellafield legacy ponds

NDA/Scottish Government Secondment

- Ended December 2022.
- New MoU for future secondments with Scottish Government currently being considered.

NDA Local Social and Economic Impact Strategy

- NDA is refreshing its Socio-Economic Impact Strategy.
- We are asking for stakeholder input.
- Help us identify priority areas of focus.
- Make best use of funding.
- Period of public consultation before being finalised and published.
- Contact is andrew.harper@nda.gov.uk

Game-changing tele-existence technologies showcased

- On April 25 2023, the [Nuclear Decommissioning Authority](#) (NDA), [Defence Science and Technology Laboratory](#) (Dstl), and [Defence and Security Accelerator](#) (DASA) held the Telexistence: Phase 2 demonstration event at the BattleLab, one of the Ministry of Defence's innovation acceleration facilities.
- The event brought together partners on national and international nuclear decommissioning, defence and security stakeholders and potential end-users, to showcase three novel telexistence technologies funded through a two phase £2.3million innovation competition run by DASA on behalf of joint funders, Dstl and the NDA.
- The competition sought innovations to help give those working in hazardous environments the ability to undertake tasks without being physically present, helping decrease risk and reduce the logistical burden associated with dangerous operations.

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