

Galvanising Geothermal - Delivering Demand

REA UK Geothermal Conference 2026

13th October, 2026 | The Minster Building, London, EC3R



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

09:00 - 09:30	Registration and arrival refreshments
09:30 - 09:45	Opening addresses: Trevor Hutchings, REA CEO Tony Bryan, Geothermal Energy Forum Chair, Development Director at Star Energy Neil McLoughlin, REA Senior Geothermal Lead
09:50 - 10:50	Panel 1: Demand - Current State of Play Panellists: Michael Moggerridge (Quantum Energy), Dr Douglas Parr (Greenpeace UK), Augusta Grand (Eden Geothermal), Perran Moon MP (LAB), Emma Fletcher (Octopus Energy) Moderator: Megan Corton Scott (LCEF)
10:50 - 11:15	Refreshment Break
11:15 - 11:21	Geothermal Strawberries - Dr. Amir Badiee (University of Lincoln)
11:25 - 11:45	Fireside Chat: Government Perspective on Geothermal Energy Lord Alan Whitehead CBE, Former DESNZ Geothermal Minister Moderator: Trevor Hutchings, (REA)
11:45 - 12:05	Headline sponsors Address: Geothermal Projects in Bristol Rob Gardiner (G-Core), Paul Turnbull (GeoDrill)
12:05 - 13:00	Lunch
13:00 - 13:30	Keynote Address and Q&A: HM Government's view on Geothermal Katie White OBE MP (Minister for Climate Transition) Moderators: Augusta Grand (Eden Geothermal), Tony Bryan (Star Energy), Rob Gardiner (G-Core), Neil McLoughlin (REA)
13:30 - 14:20	Panel 2: Devolved and Regional Heating & Energy Policy Panellists: Simon Todd (Causeway Energies), Dan Griffiths (Great Manchester Combined Authority), David Townsend (TownRock Energy) Graham Leadbitter MP (SNP) Moderator: Dillon Smith (CEN)
14:20 - 15:10	Panel 3: Financing Geothermal – Unlocking Investment Panellists: Ryan Law (Geothermal Engineering Ltd.), Sarah Black (Alpha8), Guy Cohen (Currence), Karl Farrow (CeraPhi Energy) Moderator: Jonny Page (GFI)
15:10 - 15:30	Refreshment Break
15:30 - 15:50	Fireside Chat: Oil & Gas Jobs - Navigating the Transition Andrew Bowie MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero Moderator: Helen Motwani (REA)
15:50 - 16:45	Panel 4: Skills and the UK's Competitive Edge Panellists: Dr Sam Rushworth MP (LAB, Geothermal APPG Chair), Michael Chendorain (Arup), Rebecca Nye (WING, Enovate Ai), Ola Zawalna (Cornwall Mining and Geo-Resources Alliance) Moderator: Caroline Carroll (Cornwall Council)
16:45 - 17:35	Panel 5: Large Offtakers – MOD, NHS, Airports, Universities & Farming Panellists: Adam Freeman (Manchester Airports Group), Prof AbuBakr Bahaj (University of Southampton), Lt Gen (Retd) Richard Nugee CB CVO CBE (Ministerial Taskforce on Climate and Security), Brian Appleby (MOD, Climate, Energy & Environment Directorate), Janeth Smith (NHS) Moderator: Meghan Newman (ADE: Heat Networks)
17:35 - 17:40	Closing Address: Neil McLoughlin (REA)
17:45 - 19:00	Drinks Reception – Geothermal Lifetime Achievement Award Presented by Trevor Hutchings (REA) and Tony Bryan (Star Energy)