



Humber Branch Committee

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My name is Liam Jackson and I am a 32 year old Chartered Project Manager, based in Grimsby. I started my career off by completing a Civil Engineer apprenticeship for 4 years and then worked across various Delivery Manager, Project Engineering and Project Manager roles, across various sites within the Humber region (Both North and South Bank) including both Oil Refineries, Chemical plants, power stations, dock land and construction sites.

My current role is a Project Manager, within the offshore Oil and Gas industry and over the recent years I have worked on various Major Capital projects, including decommissioning projects of both onshore and offshore assets.

In my personal life, I have a wife, Zoe and a 4 year old son, Myles. We are also expecting our second child, a little girl, due October 2020. In my downtime, I am a very keen runner, swimmer, cyclist and also spend a lot of time renovating our home.

How did you find out about the Energy Institute membership and why should others consider joining?

I heard about the Energy Institute through many different channels -

I work with many members of the energy institute, who are very good energy professionals, they have a passion for the institute and always praise the work it does. I have also completed a number of training courses provided by the energy institute and attended a number of webinars they have hosted online. I can highly recommend these!

Also a colleague of mine, who I have worked closely with on a number of projects, is a committee member for the Humber branch, so I had heard a lot about the institute through him, which included attending the Christmas Charity dinner and dance event.

I believe anyone within the energy industry or a passion for the energy sector, should become a member and join the professional community and gain the recognition for your expertise. It allows a person to become a part of a global community of likeminded professionals, who work towards a more safe, secure and sustainable energy system. As a member it will allow you to gain access to unique insights, networking opportunities, knowledge resources and professional recognition opportunities whilst helping you to better understand and contribute to energy. Also very importantly it will help your career develop, through its skills, knowledge and networking.

Why did you decide to accept and become an EI Humber branch committee member?

Firstly, I was asked to complete a technical webinar for the local branch (Humber) and I accepted that challenge. From then, it evolved - the other committee members liked my passion for the energy sector and the ideas I brought forward to assist the branch in moving forward in the modern world of social media.

Therefore, when I was elected in it was an easy choice for me to accept the invite to join the committee. I have always lived and worked within the Humber region and I am very passionate about the region and its success, with it being my home. I have a passion for future energy sources, including Hydrogen, Carbon Storage and renewable sources, including solar and wind, as we continue to work towards Net Zero in the UK but especially in my local area of the Humber. With me becoming a local branch committee member, I can help the members in the local region and further afield in the UK, to get the news of the region out there to people to keep up to date and hopefully help it become successful.

What challenges do you think the industry will face in the future?

I think there are two challenge's for the industry.

Firstly, in the near future we require the UK government to start funding some of the great plans that businesses have, to drive forward the net zero targets. Net Zero by 2050 seems like we have a long time to complete this, however, there is a lot of work to do to meet the targets, which I don't believe is appreciated enough. There is a lot of great companies out there, who are releasing their plans for the future for net zero and I think the government needs to get behind some of these projects to help them become successful.

Secondly, I think there will be a skill shortage in the industry to complete a lot of these projects. We have lost a lot of excellent professional with a lot of knowledge to retirement. There isn't the same amount of young people coming through to fill the gaps.. I have done a lot of work with careers for young people in the past and a lot of them are keen to learn and get involved if they are given an opportunity. It would be good for businesses to start taking on more apprentices and graduates on some of these new net zero projects, as they would be great learning experiences for these young people.

How do you think the Humber branch can support its local members?

The Humber is known as the Humber estuary and that is for good reason. For me, the Humber region within the energy sector is the most exciting region within the UK.

We already have great industry within the region from Oil Refineries (Total Lindsey Refinery & P66 Humber Refinery), one of Europe's largest wind farm hubs from Ørsted, PowerStation's from Uniper, Drax, VPI etc, Chemical Plants (PX) and much more.

Going forward there is a lot more to come as well, with Equinors H2H project, Ørsted & Phillips 66 Gigastack project, Velocys green jet fuel refinery and many more projects currently in FEED and/or detailed design within the region.

I believe the Humber Branch can keep its local members up to date on the above projects and provide them with key details, through the soon to be released Humber Energy Podcast and other means of communications. These will include coffee mornings, webinars, technical events and others.

Also there will be some great networking events coming up, run by CATCH, in which members can attend. I think the Humber has a great community feel to it, so we can all help each other out and the Humber Branch can pull all this together for the region

I would recommend members and non-members follow the Humber Branch on social media (LinkedIn, Facebook & Twitter) to keep up to date with our events.

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