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As the UK accelerates towards net zero, biomethane has a vital role to play alongside renewable electricity, energy efficiency and network investment. Already delivering carbon savings today, biomethane can strengthen energy security, reduce reliance on imported fossil fuels and support economic growth across the UK.

Future energy system modelling identifies a major role for renewable gases in a net-zero economy, with scenarios requiring more than 60TWh of biomethane production by 2050. Biomethane can help decarbonise sectors where electrification may be more challenging, including industrial processes, transport, heat networks, combined heat and power (CHP) applications and data centres requiring reliable, low-carbon energy. As the Government delivers its Clean Power 2030 ambitions, biomethane can provide the flexible and dispatchable energy needed to complement variable renewable electricity generation.

Anaerobic digestion and biomethane production also provide significant benefits to agriculture and the rural economy, transforming organic wastes into renewable energy and nutrient-rich biofertilisers, while creating investment, employment and diversification opportunities for farmers and rural businesses.

The sector's potential extends beyond renewable gas production. Biomethane plants can supply sustainable biogenic CO_2 for use across UK industry, reducing dependence on imports, while Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Storage (BECCS) offers one of the UK's most promising routes to delivering the negative emissions required to achieve net zero. Emerging opportunities such as e-methane and sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) could further expand the contribution of green gases to the UK's decarbonisation journey.

The role for hydrogen is unclear at the moment as we wait for the Government's updated hydrogen strategy which is expected to provide greater clarity on the complementary roles of hydrogen and biomethane in delivering the UK's net-zero ambitions.

WHY ATTEND?

The REA and CNG Services have been running the Green Gas Day since 2012. It is the largest industry gathering in the UK focused on green gases, including hydrogen, with over 300 people attending all previous years.

UK Green Gas Day 2026 will bring together policymakers, industry leaders, investors, farmers and technology providers to explore how green gases can support economic growth, energy security and decarbonisation, while unlocking the next phase of development for the sector.

Who Should Attend?

- Green Gas producers
- Organic waste producers/processors
- Waste management companies
- Landowners
- Food manufacturers
- Sustainability managers
- Farmers
- Investors and Financiers
- Insurance companies
- Gas grid owners
- Gas shippers and suppliers
- Government bodies and Regulators
- Green Gas Equipment suppliers
- Local authorities
- Haulage companies
- Retailers
- Consultants

Pricing:

Delegate 'early bird' Bookings:

REA Member - £205+VAT
GGCS Member - £190+VAT
REA Non-Member - £275+VAT

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Directions:

By Car: The National Motorcycle Museum is located directly off Junction 6 of the M42, directly opposite the NEC

By Plane/Train: Birmingham International is a short taxi drive away

Venue Address: National Motorcycle Museum, Coventry Road, Bickenhill, Solihull, West Midlands. B92 0EJ

To book your delegate place visit: https://www.r-e-a.net/events/uk-green-gas-day/

UKGGD 2026 - Programme

09:00- 09:30 **Refreshments, Registration & Networking**

Introductory Session – Policy Landscape

Chair - David Hurren, Chair of REA Green Gas Forum, Independent

09:30- 09:45 **Welcome and introductions**
Ciaran Burns, REA

09:45-10:20 **Government and policy update for biomethane 2026**
Katie White OBE MP, Minister of State (Minister for Climate Transition)- Interview by David Hurren and Q&A

10:20-10:35 **Ireland's Biomethane Opportunity. Progress, Challenges & Updates on the Road to 5.7 TWh**
Sean Campbell, Renewable Gas Forum Ireland

10:35-10:50 **Exploring the role of biomethane in the energy system to 2050**
Katy Read, NESO

10:50 -11:00 **Q&A**

11:00 - 11:30 Morning Refreshments and Networking

Commercial and Industrial Demand

Chair - Helen Motwani, REA

11:30-11:40 **Highlighting the procurement needs of FMCG value chain off-takers for Renewable Energy**
Niall Walker, Independent & drinks industry veteran

11:40-11:50 **Biomethane and Data Centres**
James Wiseman, Future Biogas

11.50-12:00 **Market Opportunities for non-GGSS Biomethane**
Sam Clutterbuck, Ceres Energy

12:00-12:10 **GGCS Scheme updates, RGGOs and the GHG protocol, SBTi, ETS**
Jesse Scharf, GGCS

12:10-12:30 **Q&A**

12.30-13:30 Lunch and Networking

Innovation and Technology Developments

Chair - John Baldwin, CNG Services

13:30-13:40 **Making methane from wind and biomethane CO_2 – e-Biomethane into the NTS**
John Baldwin, CNG Services Ltd

13:40-13:50 **Organics- What's on the horizon?**
Jenny Grant, REA

13:50 -14:00 **CHP - but not as you know it**
Rachel Lee, 350 Strategy

14:00-14:10 **Reverse Compression – Engie Delivers The First UK Commercial Deployment**
Mark Voss, Engie

14:10-14:30 **Q&A**

14:30-15:00 Afternoon Refreshments and Networking

Future of the Sector

Chair - Ciaran Burns, REA

15:00-15:20 **Transition vs Transformation – Moving the Dial**
Luke Rowlands, National Gas Transmission

15:20-15:30 **Digestate in an expanded biomethane industry**
David Vaughan, Alder BioInsights

15:30-15:50 **Delivering Green Gas: Putting Agriculture at the Heart of Biomethane Growth**
Jonathan Scurlock and Lucy Hopwood, Alder BioInsights

15:50-16:00 **GGTF Campaign Program**
Charles McAllister, Green Gas Task Force

16:00-16:20 **Q&A**

16:20-16:30 Closing remarks

16:30 Close

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Speakers & Chairs

Katie White OBE MP, Minister of State (Minister for Climate Transition)

Minister responsible for biomethane

Katie White was appointed Minister of State in the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero on 21 July 2026.
She was previously Minister for Climate in the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero between 7 September 2025 and 21 July 2026. She was elected as the MP for Leeds North West in July 2024.

Before going into politics, Katie worked at Friends of the Earth where she co-led the campaign for the Climate Change Act. In 2009, she worked with the UK government to prepare for the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen (COP15), before going on to work at the Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC). She was previously Executive Director at WWF-UK. She was awarded an OBE for her services to tackling climate change.

Katy Read, Whole Energy Insights Manager - NESO

Katy Read is a Whole Energy Insights Manager at NESO, where she leads strategic analysis to inform decisions shaping the future energy system. She has been leading a cross cutting project examining the role of biomethane across the whole energy system.

John Baldwin, Managing Director - CNG Services Ltd

John started his career as a graduate engineer in British Gas and worked on projects including South Morecambe, CATS and Armada. He then worked in Transco looking after the National Transmission System (NTS) in the period 1995 – 98 when many of the first wave of CCGTs were built as well as the UK-Continent Interconnector and a £350 Million expansion of the NTS. He is a former Chairman of the Renewable Energy Association Biogas Group. His company CNG Services Ltd is a niche EPC Contractor and consultant in biomethane, including building the first commercial reverse compression project in GB. He has 41 years' experience in the gas industry, fossil and renewables.

David Hurren, Chair of REA Green Gas Forum

David graduated from Imperial College in Chemical Engineering. For most of his career he worked in the Industrial Gas industry, apart from a 4 year spell in water & wastewater treatment. After 25 years with Air Liquide UK, including setting up and leading Air Liquide's Biogas operations in the UK over the 7 years he is now working as a consultant/board advisor with knowledge on Biomethane Production, Transport and Use; Biogenic CO2; Hydrogen; and managing start-ups and rapidly growing businesses in the Renewables Sector. Recent work has particularly focused on CO2 and Biomethane and as well as leading roles in a number of trade associations he is an experienced conference moderator.

Lucy Hopwood, Director - Alder BioInsights

Lucy Hopwood is a bioenergy and AD specialist at Alder BioInsights, with over 20 years' experience advising government, developers, investors and operators. Her agricultural background and expertise in feedstock supply underpin her recent work on the connections between farming, energy and policy, drawing on wider expertise across agricultural, forestry and waste feedstocks, bioenergy technologies and markets. Lucy has led the Green Gas Taskforce's analysis of UK biomethane growth potential and recent work on feedstock deliverability and the opportunities for agriculture. Her focus here is on how stronger alignment between energy and agriculture can support sustainable growth, strengthen farm businesses and improve food, energy and nutrient security, delivering economic benefits well beyond the energy sector.

Sam Clutterbuck, Head of Gas Operations and Trading - Ceres Energy

Sam joined Ceres in 2019 and is the Head of Gas Operations and Trading. He oversees daily operations, gas balancing, hedging and portfolio risk management and exposure for Ceres' 70+ biomethane gas to grid sites, representing over 2 TWh/y of gas.
He is the main point of contact for any queries related to general gas pricing, hedging, production and shipping, both inside the UK and cross-border.

Sean Campbell, Chairperson - Renewable Gas Forum Ireland (RGFI)

Sean has held this position since July 2025. In this role, he works with industry, government and stakeholders across the renewable gas sector to support the development of biomethane and anaerobic digestion in Ireland. RGFI have been a key advocate for policies that enable investment, and help deliver Ireland's target of 5.7 TWh of indigenous biomethane production by 2030.

Sean is also Natural Resources Business Manager at SGS Ireland, where he leads assurance, inspection and sustainability services across the agri-food, energy and natural resources sectors. He has more than 25 years' experience in auditing, certification, agricultural crop research, supply chains and sustainability programmes, and is actively involved in initiatives supporting the growth of Ireland's biomethane and circular bioeconomy sectors.

Dr Jonathan Scurlock, Founder, Renewable Energy in Agriculture - FRSA

Dr Jonathan Scurlock FRSA is founder of the consultancy Renewable Energy in Agriculture. Formerly Chief Adviser on renewable energy and climate change at the National Farmers' Union, he spent nearly 20 years as a leading authority on energy policy, net zero and agri-technology in British agriculture. Dr Scurlock has over 35 years' experience in bioenergy, solar, wind power, climate change and the global carbon cycle, and is the author of more than 50 research papers and book chapters.

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Mark Voss , Operations Director - ENGIE Renewable Gases UK
Mark oversees the performance and strategic development of the company's renewable gas portfolio. After co-founding a biogas business in 2012 that delivered 11 AD plants and built a reputation for disciplined operational excellence across multiple successful exits, the final three gas to grid sites — along with Rainbarrow Farm — were acquired by ENGIE. He has since led all four assets to record level performance, underpinned by outstanding health and safety leadership, collaborative operations and deep technical expertise, strengthening ENGIE's position in the UK's renewable biomethane sector.

Helen Motwani, Head of Heat and Biomass UK - REA
Helen Motwani, Head of Heat and Biomass UK at the Renewable Energy Association (REA), leads policy and advocacy on bioenergy and sustainable heat, covering biomass, biogas/biomethane, energy from waste, geothermal and heat decarbonisation. She has 20+ years' climate, energy and international policy experience, including UK Government work and intergovernmental negotiations, and develops practical solutions for energy security, affordability and decarbonisation.

David Vaughan, Managing Consultant
I have a background in biology, and I have been working with the AD industry for 15 years. Initially I was in R&D at the University of York and then worked for an Edinburgh University spin out company trialing biochar as an additive to the AD process. I joined Alder BioInsights in 2025 where I, primarily, oversee delivery of AD related projects.

Dr Rachel Lee, Chartered Electrical Engineer and Fellow - The Energy Institute
Dr Rachel Lee started her career working on industrial combined heat and power and then subsequently carrying out feasibility and development work on bio energy projects. In the 2000's she managed an Australian electricity demand task force and was secretary of the Australian electricity market reliability panel. Back in the UK, she established and managed a public-sector regional renewables support organisation for Yorkshire Forward, ran projects on gas network conversion at DESNZ and led on insights development for NESO. She is now back running her own consultancy focusing on industrial renewables supply, demand flexibility and whole energy system training.

Charles McAllister, Director - Green Gas Taskforce (GGT)
The Taskforce and its partners are campaigning to increase the profile of biomethane and improve the policy environment in order to unlock growth in the sector.

Jenny Grant, Head of Organics and Natural Capital - REA
Jenny has over 23 years of experience in the Resources and Waste Sector. As Head of Organics and Natural Capital at the REA, she leads the advancement of innovation, policy development, and industry collaboration to champion the transition towards a sustainable, circular economy. Jenny represents more than 240 members in the REA's Organics Forum and is a member of various technical working groups, bringing together Government, regulators, and other key stakeholders to develop and implement best practices for organics recycling (aerobic and anaerobic treatment) and the application of organic materials to land.

Jenny also works as a consultant, providing support for regulatory compliance, operations and certification to end-of-waste standards within the organics recycling sector. She has a range of clients and works on operational sites on a regular basis. She has been recognised in the Environment 100 list 2024 and the ENDS Power list 2023 – the UK's 100 most influential environmental professionals. She has delivered training to approximately 500 people over the last 5 years.

Jesse Scharf, Director - Green Gas Certification Scheme (GGCS)
Jesse Scharf serves as Scheme Director of the Green Gas Certification Scheme (GGCS), overseeing the UK's leading green gas registry and Jesse has been the Scheme Director of the Green Gas Certification Scheme (GGCS) since 2017 and President of the Board of the European Renewable Gas Registry (ERGaR) association. His past experience in public sector sustainability and renewable project development has given him a broad perspective of the last 17 years of rapid development in those sectors. In his current role he sits at the center of developments in the UK, while maintaining a view of the emerging markets for renewable gas certification across Europe.

James Wiseman, Chief Operating Officer - Future Biogas
James joined Future Biogas in January 2025 as Production Director, taking the role of Chief Operating Officer in early 2026. He has over 20 years of energy leadership experience, ranging from strategic consulting to major programme delivery. He has led FTSE 100 change programmes and was previously an energy advisor to UK government..

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Niall Walker, Independent

Niall Walker brings 25 years of experience in the FMCG market, with deep expertise across brands and supply chain. He holds an MBA in Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Circular Economy, combining commercial know-how with a focus on sustainable business models. Niall is also the Co-Founder of REfresh Alliance, a beverage sector partnership.

Luke Rowlands, National Gas Transmission

Over twenty year's experience in the energy industry across infrastructure investment and delivery in electricity & gas markets. Working extensively with investors, customers, regulators, and UKGOV in regulated and merchant markets.

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