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Horizon gets gold at Careers Wales' Valued Partner Awards

Horizon Nuclear Power has scooped a gold award at the Careers Wales Valued Partner Awards in Cardiff.

Careers Wales' Valued Partner Awards recognise those companies working hardest through the organisation's activities, events and programmes to help students prepare for their future careers.

By working with Careers Wales, companies can help bridge the gap between education and employment by bringing schools and businesses together to inform, inspire and motivate young people about their future career opportunities. To do this, companies offer work placements, school visits and mock interviews to share insight and encourage an understanding of the world of work – and the options available to young people.

Horizon's gold award comes as a result of the company's extensive work with young people and schools in North Wales, both through the Education Business Exchange and the company's own 'Futures' education programme. From school visits and talks, to mock interview video training and an intensive Work Insight Week programme held in July each year, Horizon has worked hard to engage students in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) subjects and broaden their understanding of a role with the nuclear and engineering sectors.

Claire Burgess, Horizon's Education Programme Co-ordinator, said: "The award means a lot to us and we're delighted with the win. We've worked extensively with schools, students and our partner organisations across Anglesey and North Wales to raise awareness of the range of opportunities available if pupils are interested in pursuing STEM subjects through school. These subjects are broad, challenging and exciting and - not only that - we'll be looking for exactly these skills once Wylfa Newydd is operational. It's an exciting time to be a student, and we're pleased to be able to help them think about their future career in creative, engaging ways."

Nikki Lawrence, Careers Wales Chief Executive, said: “The Valued Partner Award scheme is instrumental to the work Careers Wales does and we greatly appreciate the support we receive from each and every one of our Valued Partners. We’d like to congratulate Horizon on the fantastic work the team provides for young people and schools across North Wales, which has been recognised by our gold award.”

Find out more about Horizon Nuclear Power and the proposals for Wylfa Newydd by visiting www.horizonnuclearpower.com, calling 0800 954 9516 or emailing wylfaenquiries@horizonnuclearpower.com. To keep up to date, follow [@horizonnuclear](https://twitter.com/horizonnuclear) on Twitter and Instagram.

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Notes to editors:

- Horizon Nuclear Power was formed in 2009 to develop new nuclear power stations in the UK. It was acquired by Hitachi, Ltd. in November 2012. The company is developing plans to build at least 5,800MW of new nuclear power generation plant at Wylfa on the Isle of Anglesey and Oldbury-on-Severn in South Gloucestershire. Its power station sites will employ up to 850 people each once operational with construction workforces of up to 9,000.
- Horizon’s development on Anglesey will represent a multibillion-pound investment in North Wales, creating high-quality, long term employment opportunities and unlocking lasting economic and social benefits for the region.