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## Horizon's first apprentices visit Wylfa Newydd

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**Horizon's first cohort of apprentices – representing the next generation of the UK's nuclear power industry on Anglesey – have visited the Wylfa Newydd site for the first time.**

The group, who begin their careers with Horizon in September, along with their parents were invited to Wylfa Newydd to meet their new colleagues and find out more about the exciting training programme they will undertake.

The apprentices were met by Horizon's Safety and Generation Director, Greg Evans, who congratulated them all on being chosen as Horizon's first apprentices, saying: "You're about to join one of the largest and most exciting energy projects in Europe. You have a bright future ahead of you and I urge you all to make the most of this fantastically exciting opportunity when you join us in September."

The ten apprentices, who are all from Anglesey, Gwynedd and Conwy, were chosen following a competitive selection programme run by Horizon earlier this year. Launched in partnership with Coleg Menai, Horizon's Technical Apprenticeship Scheme is a three year programme which represents the start of Horizon's long term commitment to recruiting driven, talented people to work on the Wylfa Newydd Project.

The apprentices were hosted at Wylfa Newydd's newly extended site office, where they met some of their future colleagues, and were introduced to the newly developed Horizon Apprentice Centre base at Coleg Menai, Bangor.

Speaking after the event, Greg Evans said: "It was great to have our new apprentices with us for the day and we could see we've recruited a group of really talented and ambitious young people to join our team. We're looking forward to them starting their careers with us in a couple of months and becoming the first in what will be a long line of local apprentices stretching over many years to come."

Dr Ian Rees, Executive Director of External Affairs and Energy Development at Grŵp Llandrillo Menai, added: "We are delighted to be working with Horizon Nuclear Power to train a new generation of local engineers. Coleg Menai is leading Grŵp Llandrillo Menai's work with Horizon and other Energy Island partners. As well as supporting the developments generally, the college's specific interest is in the development of a suitably qualified and trained workforce. Our role in this respect is to make local people the best people for future jobs on Anglesey."

“The Horizon apprentices are a great sign of the working towards delivering Wylfa Newydd,” said Sasha Davies, Head of Strategic Development Wales, for Horizon. “While we’re developing our overall plans for the Project, this is a testament that Horizon Nuclear Power, a key partner in Anglesey’s Energy Island Programme, is delivering world class opportunities for local young people.”

More information about Horizon’s Technical Apprenticeship Scheme can be found on the Horizon website <http://www.horizonnuclearpower.com/technical-apprenticeship-scheme>

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- [www.horizonnuclearpower.com/technical-apprenticeship-scheme](http://www.horizonnuclearpower.com/technical-apprenticeship-scheme)
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**Notes to editors on Horizon:**

- Horizon Nuclear Power was formed in 2009 to develop new nuclear power stations in the UK. The company was acquired by Hitachi Ltd of Japan in November 2012.
- 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.