DEVEX 2026

29-30 APRIL 2026, CHESTER HOTEL, ABERDEEN

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TECHNICAL PROGRAMME

For 23 years, DEVEX has been the only technical conference of its kind to focus on the full E&P project cycle; from exploration, appraisal, development and production, through to CCUS and decommissioning.

DEVEX 2026 will draw on decades of industry experience to help shape our future, by providing a platform to share innovative ideas, lessons learned and inspire new ways of working.

We look forward to welcoming geoscientists, geophysicists, geologists, reservoir engineers, petroleum engineers and all Young Professionals to the 23rd DEVEX Conference in April in Aberdeen!

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- Numerous operator presentations
- Multiple networking opportunities
- Exhibition showcasing the latest technologies and trends
- Cost effective Training
- Young Professionals Event
- Field Trip
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TECHNICAL PROGRAMME - DAY 1, 29TH APRIL

7:30 - 8:30	**REGISTRATION**			
8:30	Keynote Session and Panel Q&A: UK Energy Mix Perspectives Carla Riddell, CTO, Serica / Kevin Swann, Research Manager, Upstream Global Analyst, Wood Mackenzie / John Underhill, Director for Energy Transition, University of Aberdeen	Damien Dennison	Conference Chair	
	Keynote Session and Panel Q&A			
10:00	**Coffee Break**			
10:30	From Discovery to Redevelopment: The Affleck Field	Curtis Bracher	Neo Next	
10:55	Deploying the Pressure Wave LWD Formation Tester in UHPHT Conditions on the UK Continental Shelf D	Davide Di Tommaso	Weatherford	
11:20	Innovative Wireline Perforation Strategy for Depleted HPHT Reservoirs with High Pressure Differentials	Alhadi Zahmuwl	SLB	
11:45	Addressing Well Integrity Challenges in Mature Assets: Detection of Behind-Casing Flow from Small, Intermittent Leaks Causing Sustained Annulus Pressure	Ehsan Nikjoo	Weatherford	
	TECHBYTE SESSION			
12:10	Integrated Chemical Tracer Technologies for Reservoir Understanding and Production Efficiency	Hossein Anbari	Tracerco	
12:15	AI-Driven Analytics and Inert Particle Reservoir Tracer Technologies for Subsurface Flow Diagnostics in the UK Continental Shelf	Barry Simpson	Quantum Pro Inc	
12:20	**Lunch**			
13:20	Captain EOR Stage 2 – Subsea Expansion of Polymer Enhanced Oil Recovery	Edward Stephenson	Ithaca Energy	
13:45	Incompatible Fluids Can Re-introduce Formation Damage Post a Successful Stimulation Job – Case History	Christopher Harper	Baker Hughes	
14:10	Understanding Productivity Changes in a Subsea Gas-Condensate Field	Nick Allan	Neo Next	
	TECHBYTE SESSION			
14:35	“P90 Protection”: Low-Cost Insurance on Keeper Wells to Avoid Writing-Off Discoveries	Paul Howlett	Pivotree	
14:40	Geoscience-to-Bit: A Real-Time Workflow for Drilling Efficiency	Romulo Cuevas	ROGII Inc.	
14:45	**Coffee Break**			
15:15	Reducing Gas Lock Downtime On Mariner ESP Producers	Pegah Dinani	Adura	
15:40	Advanced Gas Lift Optimisation - the use of nitrogen tracers, acoustic surveys & DTS to optimise oil production in the Buzzard field	Farisha Ragbirsingh	CNOOC International	
16:05	Maximising Late Life production from a World-Class Gas field Hub	Stephen Milner	Spirit Energy	
16:30	Unlocking Complex Triassic Reservoirs: Significantly improving recovery factor 30 years after first production in the Judy East Flank	Colin Zimmer	Harbour Energy	
16:55	Keynote Presentation by Ithaca	Luciano Vasques	CEO, Ithaca Energy	
17:20	**Networking Reception**			
18:30	**CLOSE**			

DEVEX YP & EARLY CAREERS EVENT - DUTCH MILL HOTEL

The organisers reserve the right to amend the programme as necessary. Please visit www.spe-aberdeen.org for updates on the programme timings or further details.

TECHNICAL PROGRAMME - DAY 2 , 30TH APRIL

7:30 - 8:30	**REGISTRATION**		
8:30	Keynote Session and Panel Q&A: The Future of Subsurface in the UKCS Alice Humphrey's, GM Development and Subsurface, Adura / Chris Banks, Principal New Energy & Geoscience Consultant, SLB / Ruth Thomas, Subsurface Manager, Well-Safe Solutions		
	Keynote Session and Panel Q&A		
10:00	**Coffee Break**		
10:30	Victory Achieved: How a Stranded Discovery Became a Fast-Track Gas Development	Conor Carleton	Adura
10:55	Unlocking Reservoir Insights Through Robust Data Integration: Solving a Long-Standing Buzzard Field Challenge by Revealing Hidden Permeability Relationships	Ruza Gagnon	CNOOC International
11:20	Maps, Models and Measurements: Towards a Better Understanding of Naturally Sealing Formations	Philip McCurdy	Elemental Energies
11:45	Integrated Subsurface and Facilities Evaluation to Maximise Project Value	Graeme Burnett	Elemental Energies
12:10	Planned Development of the Tornado Gas Discovery, West of Shetland	Ian Moore	Ithaca Energy
12:35	**Lunch**		
13:30	"Mr Sandman, bring us a dream": Illuminating Mariner Field sand injectites to optimise heavy oil recovery	Sarah Ledingham & Joseph Sherratt	Adura
13:55	The Bruce gas condensate field – late life opportunities	Ian Dredge	Elemental Energies
14:20	The Seagull Field, 30 Years In The Making	Samuel Stephen	Ithaca Energy
	TECHBYTE SESSION		
14:45	Transforming Petrotechnical Workflows: The Impact of Vendor-Neutral Digital Platforms on Productivity, Collaboration and Sustainability	Rachel Black	Cegal
14:50	Empowering Geoscientists: Unlocking Petrel Data for New Subsurface Workflows with Cegal Python Tool Pro	Gonzalo Notivol Lázaro	Cegal
14:55	PyFracTend: an open-source Python toolbox for fault and fracture reactivation risk analysis	Goncalo Cunha	Utretch University
15:00	**Coffee Break**		
15:30	A Simple Triassic–Cretaceous Regional Geological Model to Support Wells Drilled in Overpressured Central North Sea Sequences	Peter Evans	Neo Next
15:55	Leveraging Hydrocarbon Reservoir Characterisation Methods to model Soils for offshore Windfarm developments	Leon Barens	TotalEnergies
16:20	Pay Now or Pay Later? The Cost of CCS Readiness in Well Abandonment.	Ruth Thomas	Well-Safe Solutions
16:30	**Closing Remarks**		
17:00	**CLOSE**		
	FIELD TRIP		

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FRIEND OR FOE: UNDERSTANDING AI AND LEVERAGING VALUE – DEVEX YP EVENT

29th April | 13:30 - 17:00

Dutch Mill Hotel, Queen's Road, Aberdeen

This is a free event as part of DEVEX 2026. Thereafter, delegates can attend the main Networking Reception at the Chester Hotel from 17:00.

Introduction to AI – the first item of the YP programme aims at ensuring everyone is up-to-speed with what AI is and the different types of AI used in subsurface/ engineering.

Elias Ortiz, Rock Flow Dynamics – AI in the Subsurface: A Primer

Technical presentations and panel discussion – the talks and panel will further focus on personal and professional development using AI, AI ethics, improving efficiency of workflows using AI and keeping up with AI development.

Owen Pape, Viridien – A recruiter's guide to getting hired in the age of AI

Niklas Lough, Fennex – AI at Work: Safer Operations, Smarter Careers

Amarachi Agiri, CypherCrescent – from Data to Decisions: Practical Applications of Big Data and AI in Energy Systems

Latif Yalcinoglu, Halliburton – an Analytical – Machine Learning – AI Agent Base Hybrid Method to Automate Estimation of the Decline Curve Analysis Parameters

Live Demos – industry presenters will show examples of AI in their workplaces. These presentations will be live applications of AI, showing real-time implementation of AI that improve efficiency and leverage existing technical expertise.

Elias Ortiz and John Laing, Rock Flow Dynamics – From Prompt to Production: AI in tNavigator

Emily Walker, SLB – Accelerating Subsurface Insights: Machine Learning for Seismic Interpretation

Shritij Dighe, NSTA – From Documents to Decisions: Unlocking NDR Insights with GenAI

Breakout session – we will collate learnings from the day and come up with further ways that AI could expedite processes in workplaces/academia.

NETWORKING RECEPTION

29th April – 17:20-18:30

Join us for drinks, reconnect with your peers and meet some new contacts at the DEVEX Networking Reception!

CORE

As always, we will have Core on display which will be situated in the catering and exhibition area. Further details of the type of Core will be revealed soon!

FIELD TRIP

30th April | From 18:00

Following The Devex Conference, Stonehaven

Visit the spectacular seismic scale outcrop of the Lowermost Old Red Sandstone on the wavecut platform under the cliffs to the north of Stonehaven. Enjoy spectacular seismic scale views of the LORS silts and sandstones from the cliffs; observe likely syn-sedimentation faulting in vertical bedded sequence; examine the Highland Boundary fault and discuss its significance; and finally return to Stonehaven Harbour to observe the incoming of the huge boulders of the Dunnottar Conglomerate while having a pint and supper at the Marine Hotel. A great opportunity to consider the tectonic riddle of the Highland Boundary fault and the evolution of Midland Valley of Scotland.

Access: Cliff top path can be slippery. Foreshore accessed by steep but safe grassy paths - good sturdy footware - preferably walking boots required. Fore shore outcrop can be slippery but otherwise safe. A good distance can be kept from cliffs. The field trip will be at low tide.

Transport: will be provided from the Chester Hotel to Stonehaven return. The Field Trip will take place from 1800-2000, thereafter dinner will be served at the Marine Hotel with the bus leaving the hotel at approx. 21:30.

Members Day 1 or Day 2	£250
Members Two Days	£350
Non-Members Day 1 or Day 2	£300
Non-Members Two Days	£400
Students/Unemployed Day 1 or Day 2	£35
Students/Unemployed Two Days	£60
YP / Early Careers Event – 29th April	FREE
Field Trip – 30th April	£50

All costs exclude VAT.

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OFFERS

If you purchase a two-day members ticket, you can add an Early Career or YP ticket* for FREE at the checkout .

(Limited tickets available for this on a first come first serve basis. "Early Career Professionals" defined as those with 10 years' experience or less within the energy industry.)

Special 'buy 4 get 1 free' rates available. Contact devex@mearns-gill.com for this option.

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SPONSORSHIP

SPE Aberdeen, GESGB and AFES are not for profit organisations. Raising sponsorship is crucial to help us ensure that DEVEX continues to be an affordable and valuable training opportunity for the industry; to enable us to re-invest back into industry and society and to support our future generation of young engineers and geoscientists.

This is your opportunity to sign up early, take advantage of the early bird sponsorship rates and be a prime example of industry collaboration to deliver a first-class conference for the industry. Any surplus funds get reinvested by each organising society to help support the future of our young engineers and geoscientists.

View the list of opportunities and benefits on the next page

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SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

All conference sponsors, depending on package, will receive:

- Free delegate pass(es) on both days
- A place on the technical committee
- Unrivalled branding opportunities, which will include, but will not be limited to, branding on all marketing materials, website, emailers, social media content, branding at the conference on screens and abstracts books. Additional benefits are outlined below.

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£5600 + VAT

Platinum Sponsor

- Prime positioning of company branding across all event materials including website, abstracts flyer, conference programme, conference slides and abstracts book
- Place on the technical committee.
- Exhibition Stand
- Social media input - provide content for 2 posts prior to event
- Opportunity to display pop-up banners in conference room (to be supplied by sponsor)
- 5 x delegate passes

£3500 + VAT

Event Sponsor

- Company branding across all event materials including website, abstracts flyer, conference programme, conference slides and abstracts book
- Exhibition Stand
- Social media input - provide content for a post prior to event
- Opportunity to display pop-up banners in conference room (to be supplied by sponsor)
- 3 x delegate passes

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~~Lanyard & Registration Sponsor~~

- Company branding across all event materials including website, abstracts flyer, conference programme, conference slides and abstracts book
- Logo on lanyards (to be provided by sponsor, or can be sourced at a cost)
- Opportunity to display a pop-up banner beside the registration desk throughout the event (to be supplied by sponsor)
- Social media input - provide content for a post prior to event
- 3 x delegate passes

£2,500 + VAT

Early Career/Young Professional Event Sponsor

- Company branding across all event materials including website, abstracts flyer, conference programme, conference slides and abstracts book
- Opportunity to display a pop-up banner during Masterclass Sessions in conference hall (to be supplied by sponsor) and deliver a short introduction to the session
- Social media input - provide content for a post prior to event
- 2 x delegate passes

£2,500 + VAT

Networking Reception Sponsor

- Company branding across all event materials including website, abstracts flyer, conference programme, conference slides and abstracts book
- Opportunity to display a pop-up banner during Networking Reception (to be supplied by sponsor)
- Social media input - provide content for a post prior to event
- 2 x delegate passes

£2,100 + VAT

Field Trip Sponsor

- Company branding across all event materials including website, abstracts flyer, conference programme, conference slides and abstracts book
- Logo on all field trip material
- Social media input - provide content for a post prior to event
- 1 x delegate pass for conference
- 1 x pass for Field Trip

£2,000 + VAT

Early Career Professionals Supporter

- Logo appear on event materials including website, abstracts flyer, conference programme, conference slides and abstracts book
- Fund x 5 Early Career Professionals to attend Conference

£1,500 + VAT

Event Supporter

- Logo appear on event materials including website, abstracts flyer, conference programme, conference slides and abstracts book
- 1 x delegate pass for conference

EXHIBITION

Exhibiting at DEVEX is a cost-effective promotional opportunity. There will be ample opportunities for maximum interaction between exhibitors and delegates during the registration period, coffee breaks, lunch and networking reception.

Space is suitable for a pop-up portable display stand or table top display. A table and x2 chairs will be provided.

BENEFITS

All exhibitors will receive one free conference pass for x2 days, logo and company description in the abstract books.

COST

£1200 + VAT for 3m x2m (space only)

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