WELL DECOMMISSIONING CONFERENCE 2027

The Leading Conference for the Decommissioning Sector

8-9 JUNE 2027 P&J LIVE, ABERDEEN

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS – DEADLINE FRIDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

Now in its 16th year, the SPE Well Decommissioning Conference is the UK's leading platform for professionals driving well decommissioning and late-life operations forward, and increasingly an important forum for international operators, regulators and supply chain facing similar challenges in their respective geographical regions.

2026 and 2027 are shaping up to be the busiest years the sector has seen. The NSTA's 2026 Cost and Performance Update puts the remaining UKCS decommissioning bill at £43.4bn, with well decommissioning the single largest component, around half of forecast spend to 2032. Operators worked on 257 wells in 2025 alone, yet a backlog of 500 inactive wells, plus over 1,000 more due in the next five years, means activity has to accelerate fast. In August 2026, NSTA and 17 operators signed a landmark Wellhead Severance Charter, committing to share data, vessels and expertise to bring down the average £700k cost of every wellhead removal - proof that collaboration isn't a nice-to-have anymore, it's the operating model.

Well Decommissioning 2027 brings operators, supply chain, regulators and academia from the UKCS and beyond together to share what's working, challenge what isn't, and set the agenda for the busiest period this industry has ever faced.

At this conference, delegates will discover the latest in well decommissioning by exploring success stories, case histories and lessons learned with energy experts from across the energy sector.

Priorities have moved on and so has the agenda. Themes for 2027 include but are not limited to:

- **The Decision to Decommission**: The business case, timing and triggers for moving from late-life to P&A
- **Collaboration in Action:** Campaign alignment, unit-sharing and the Wellhead Severance Charter in practice
- **Scaling for the Surge:** Contracting and supply chain strategies built for the 26/27 peak
- **Rig, Rigless or Vessel?** Choosing and combining the right unit selection
- **Technology:** Trial to Business-as-Usual: What's actually being deployed, and what it took to get there
- **Subsurface Certainty:** Optimise P&A design early for de-risked and efficient performance **CO_2 incorporate?
- **Sustained Annulus Pressure:** Understanding and managing existing well stock
- **Data, Digital and AI:** Turning information into faster, better decommissioning decisions
- **Legislation, Liability and Enforcement:** Keeping pace with NSTA's evolving regulatory stance
- **Global Lessons Sharing:** International case studies and what the UKCS and other basins can learn from each other
- **Wins, Challenges and What's Next:** Transparent lessons learned from completed workscopes
- **Academic Insights:** Building the next generation of decommissioning pioneers.

Abstracts are welcome from the UKCS and also lessons learned from other areas.



PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION FORMAT AND WHAT'S REQUIRED:

- A short 200-word abstract detailing the title and presenter's details submitted by 5th February
- Format - 20 minutes plus Q&A or 5-minute techbyte (sales oriented pitches)
- We encourage innovative presenting styles, not necessarily PowerPoint slides
- Case histories and collaborations are encouraged

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT

Send your short 200-word abstract by 5th February in a word document format by email to:
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CONTACT DETAILS

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SPONSORSHIP

SPE Aberdeen is a not-for-profit organisation. Raising sponsorship is crucial to help us ensure that this conference 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.

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 to help support the future of our young engineers.

Previous supporters have included





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.

Sponsoring the conference will help ensure you are seen as an 'employer of choice'. In addition, the package benefits are as follows.

SPONSOR PACKAGES	COST	NUMBER OF PASSES	ADDITIONAL BRANDING
Platinum Partner	£5,950	5	Display stand in conference hall
Event Partner	£3,950	3	Display stand in conference hall
Lanyards	£3,950	3	Logo on lanyard, can be provided in kind by sponsor or sourced at cost
Registration	£3,125	2	Logo displayed at registration area
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Coffee Breaks	£3,125	2	Logo displayed at catering stations
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Networking Reception	£3,125	2	Logo displayed at catering stations
Speaker Gift Sponsor	£3,125	2	
101 Session	£2,400	2	This standalone event targets YPs and those new to the industry.

*All costs exclude VAT

EXHIBITION

Exhibiting at this conference 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 tabletop display. A table and x2 chairs will be provided. If you require any items of your stand to be built with any ladders/ electrical equipment, this must be agreed with the organizer in advance.

BENEFITS

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

COST

£1,995 + VAT for 3m x2m (space only).



CONTACT DETAILS

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