

GMB partner with Last Energy to Promote Nuclear Jobs in South Wales



The partnership will see the development of Micro-Nuclear jobs in South Wales

GMB union has launched a joint effort to advance the microreactor industry and nuclear workforce in South Wales.

This new collaboration will explore opportunities to increase investment in the micronuclear supply chain, identify necessary skills and training programs, and create good-quality jobs in the microreactor industry throughout the UK.



The joint effort will directly support the future workforce of Last Energy's South Wales project.



In October 2024, Last Energy announced a proposal to deploy four 20 MWe micro-nuclear power plants at the site of the former coal fired power station at Llynfi, Llangynwyd, Bridgend.

The project is expected to create at least 100 local full-time jobs over its 42 year life.

Tom Hoyles, GMB Union Senior organiser, said:

“New nuclear has the potential to create thousands of well paid union jobs in places like South Wales and it’s important that businesses, unions, the Welsh and UK governments work together to maximize its potential.

“There is no route to net zero without new nuclear, and projects like Llynfi by Last energy are a practical and innovative step forward to meeting the UKs energy needs.

“GMB is excited to be involved in this world leading project here in South Wales.”

Michael Jenner, CEO of Last Energy UK said:

“The future Last Energy workforce will include nuclear engineers, plant operators, and other skilled technicians, and we are happy to be working together with GMB to advocate on their behalf.”

“Microreactors will not only create nuclear industry jobs, they will bolster new industry in South Wales with clean, abundant baseload power.”



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