**Decom Week 2025 – Call for abstracts**

**About Decom Week 2025: Towards a sustainable Future**

**Building a safe, skilled, and sustainable decommissioning industry through knowledge, innovation, and collaboration**

Join us in Aberdeen, UK, from 19 – 23 May 2025, for an agenda which will include more than two days of conference, a dedicated session on well abandonment, indoor and outdoor exhibition space and the Decom Mission Awards.

Whilst networking, social events and sports activities are also part of the week-long agenda, **conference papers** are key to moving our sector forward, sharing best practice, illustrating capability, stimulating discussion and highlighting challenges. We now call for abstracts that may address selected themes, present case studies and new opinions or illustrate what we do in decommissioning.

New for the 2025 conference we also ask authors to nominate a **preferred duration** – is your paper or presentation suited to a 15-minute insight, is there more you want to detail, is it a topic that can be learnt by others or maybe requires focussed thinking?

Decom Week is intended to be a showcase event, where the decommissioning community gathers to talk detail and help us set the forward agenda. This is your opportunity to present on what matters.

Regards,



**Sam Long**

Chief Executive Officer, for an on behalf of the organising committee

**Themes**

Highlighted **themes** for the 2025 conference are detailed below. Abstracts may reflect one or a number of these, or an alternative suggestion.

1. **The Impact of Policy and Regulation:** Given the recent policy shifts under a new government and the accelerated decline of oil and gas industry in the UK, it is crucial to explore the implications of regulatory changes and externalities on what we do
2. **Safety and Risk Management:** As the industry bridges between oil & gas, renewables and nuclear, safety becomes a paramount theme. Decommissioning in all sectors involves high risks, and this theme will focus on best practices, regulatory compliance, and new technologies that enable the safe project execution
3. **Education and Skills for the Future:** Given the aging workforce and the gap in decommissioning-specific training, this theme will emphasize the need for education and reskilling. As decommissioning requires both transferable and specialized skills, there is a need for partnerships between academia and industry, promotion of STEM fields, and reskilling initiatives to transition professionals from oil and gas into renewables and nuclear sectors
4. **Technological Innovation and Sustainability:** Advances in technology, such as AI, robotics, and data analytics, are transforming decommissioning practices. This theme will showcase how these innovations make processes more efficient, cost-effective, and environmentally friendly, with a focus on sustainability as part of the energy transition.
5. **Collaboration Across Sectors:** Decommissioning, particularly at the intersection of oil, gas, and nuclear, demands collaboration between sectors. Centred on public-private partnerships, industry consortia, and shared knowledge, this theme addresses the necessity of collective action to drive efficiency and innovation.
6. **Understanding Uncertainty and Scenario Planning:** Addressing the unpredictable nature of decommissioning, from fluctuating markets to changing technologies, this theme will help stakeholders better manage risks. Focused on scenario planning, adaptive project management, and data analytics to forecast timelines and costs, it will enable process that are more predictable and financially viable.

**Timings**

Authors are encouraged to frame their paper or presentation in line with the following timings.

1. **15-Minute Quick Insight Talks**: *"Spark Sessions"*

Fast-paced, high-energy bursts of insights, offering concise perspectives and inspiring ideas to ignite new thinking.

1. **30-Minute Deeper Tell**: *"Focus talk”*

A chance to dive deeper, these sessions provide a more comprehensive look at key topics, sharing in-depth knowledge and relevant examples to build understanding.

1. **45-Minute Audience Participation & Explore Thinking**: *"Engage & Explore"*

Interactive sessions designed to involve participants, encouraging them to unpack ideas together, ask questions, and exchange perspectives for enriched learning.

1. **60-Minute Learning Session**: *"Learning Lab"*

Hands-on, practical workshops where participants actively build and create, gaining skills they can apply directly in their roles and projects.

1. **60-Minute Focus Group**: *"Collaborative Insights"*

A guided session designed for deep exploration and feedback, where participants share their experiences, challenges, and insights to co-create solutions and shape future strategies.

**Submissions must be completed and returned to** **events@decommission.net** **by Friday 7th February 2025. These will then be reviewed, with selected speakers contacted in due course.**

**Abstract submission form**

Submitted by:

Contact email address:

Presenter’s name:

Company name:

Presenter’s job title:

Presenter’s email address:

Decom Mission member: Yes / No

**Abstract details** (please select the theme and timing that best describes your abstract, as per above):

**Abstract title:**

**Abstract (up to 200 words)**

Has this been presented before and where/when?...............................................

Please confirm that you have permission from relevant parties to present this material Y/N

**Presentation material, format and submission**

* Please use good quality graphics, videos and images for your presentation
* Where appropriate, please include good examples of case studies/practical applications
* Presentation format should be widescreen 16:9 with resolution of 1920x1080

No written papers are requested for this event. Final version of PowerPoint presentation should be emailed to events@decommission.net or posted via [www.wetransfer.com](http://www.wetransfer.com). Please also send a PDF version of the presentation which, provided we have your permission, will be posted on the Decom Mission website after the event.