



Sellafield Ltd

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Sellafield Ltd becomes Institute's first ever corporate partner

Sellafield Ltd has become the Institute of Chemical Engineers' (IChemE) first corporate partner, as part of its new corporate partner scheme.

Designed to forge closer links between the IChemE and the companies that employ its members, the scheme is aimed at integrating and enhancing various strands of the IChemE's "talent pipeline" by supporting companies across four business areas: securing the talent pipeline of chemical engineers; recruiting and retaining staff; ensuring standards of in-company training and development programmes and influencing key audiences through IChemE events, activities and publications.

Sellafield Ltd was presented with its certificate by IChemE's chief executive David Brown at a recent event.

Receiving the certificate on behalf of Sellafield Ltd was Human Resources Director David McNerney, Chief Engineer Tony Green, capability resource manager Bill Harper and chief process engineer Seb Proctor.

Seb said: "We are delighted to become IChemE's first corporate partner. This important achievement recognises the strong and supportive relationship we have with the IChemE.

"This association will also enhance the Sellafield Ltd brand as we look to attract the best chemical engineering talent into the industry to tackle the unique and exciting challenges we face on the Sellafield site in the coming years."

Speaking on behalf of the IChemE, David Brown said: "As a corporate partner, Sellafield Ltd will be able to point to a badge of excellence that will help them to secure and retain the talent they need."



David Brown of IChemE hands over a certificate to Sellafield Ltd's Human Resources Director David McNerney. Looking on, left to right, are Tony Green, Seb Proctor and Bill Harper.

Brainwave appeal benefits from safe working in legacy ponds and silos

Sellafield's Legacy Ponds and Silos department has handed over £1,000 to charity, after one of its projects achieved one year without a lost time accident.

Paul Dixon, a senior safety advisor in the Pile Fuel Storage Pond, nominated the charity Northern Brainwave to receive the donation.

The Northern Brainwave Appeal was established in 1998 to raise funds for medical technology for the advanced care of patients recovering from serious head injuries, strokes or neurosurgery at Newcastle General Hospital.

Paul has recently had first hand experience of the work and commitment of the staff involved in the Regional Neurosciences Centre, and in particular the High Dependency Unit (HDU) where he spent two days following an operation in November last year.

Although the Centre is based in Newcastle it treats West Cumbrian patients, like Paul, on a regular basis.

Paul said: "The unit were very appreciative of the donation. They've helped a great number of Sellafield employees over recent years and donations are vital to the upkeep of the centre.

"I'd like to pass on my congratulations to all those involved in the Pile Fuel Storage Pond Project in achieving the milestone of 12 months without an LTA, which can only have been achieved through the hard work and commitment of all involved.

"I'd also like to thank the team for the opportunity to select the Northern Brainwave Appeal as the recipient of the £1000 charity donation."

This success is thanks predominantly to the safety culture imbued within the whole team, including contractors, who take pride in their excellent safety record. The space restrictions in the pond mean that many tasks have proved extremely challenging.

Guy Holborow, control and supervision manager, said: "Our team are not afraid to challenge anything, and are rigorous in reporting any faults that they find.

"Our safety advisers and team leaders check every task is carried out correctly and ensure that all personnel are fully briefed. We use three-way communications as a matter of course to ensure that everyone is 100 per cent happy with the task in hand.

"In an area full of trip hazards, this record is a testament to the thoroughness and conscientiousness of the team."



ON THE SAME WAVELENGTH: Professor David Mendelow and sister Alyson Rafferty accept the £1,000 from Sellafield Ltd's Paul Dixon.

VIP Visits to Sellafield

21.5.09: Enhanced Roll Call Suppliers Day

21.5.09: NDA Site Familiarisation Visit

21.5.09: Mr David Brown, Chief Executive, Institution of Chemical Engineers

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