



UKOPA

PROGRAMME

Venue: Silverstone Circuit

Date: 21-22 October 2026

Wednesday 21 October 2026

Day 1 – Past & Present

09:00 Exhibition open

Meet exhibitors, explore the latest products and services, and reconnect with industry colleagues.

10:00 Opening address

Welcome to UKOPA's 30th Anniversary Conference and an overview of the themes and objectives for the event.

10.10 Keynote Address, by John Armstrong, CEO, BPA & Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering

Providing strategic insight into the evolving energy landscape and the role of the pipeline industry within it.

10.30 30 Years in 30 Minutes: The History of UKOPA, by Peter Davis & Jane Haswell

Reflecting on three decades of progress, collaboration and achievement across the pipeline industry.

11.00 The History of UK Pipelines, by Russell Thomas

Exploring the development of the UK's pipeline network and the key milestones that have shaped the sector.

11:15 Silver Sponsor Introduction, by National Gas Services

An introduction from a sponsor, sharing key insights and their role within the pipeline sector.

11.20 Refreshments, Networking & Exhibition

11.50 Platinum Sponsor Presentation, by T.D. Williamson

An insight-led presentation from TDW, focusing on innovation and solutions addressing current pipeline industry challenges.

12.10 The Present: Achievements, Challenges & Collaboration

Representatives from UKOPA working groups share current priorities, emerging challenges and opportunities for collaboration.

12.40 Silver Sponsor Introduction, by Penspen

A sponsor showcase ahead of lunch.

12.45 Lunch, Networking & Exhibition

14.15 State of the Industry Moderated by Elizabeth Comer

World Pipelines A high-level panel featuring regulators, industry bodies and operators exploring the challenges, opportunities and future readiness of the UK pipeline sector.

14.50 Gold Sponsor Presentation, by ROSEN

An innovation-led presentation showcasing technologies and services supporting pipeline integrity and performance

15.00 Case Study Spotlight

Practical lessons and insights from a recent industry project.



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Day 1 – Past & Present, continued

15.20 Technical Pulse: What's Challenging Us Right Now?

Industry experts discuss the technical, operational and integrity challenges currently facing pipeline operators.

15.50 Gold Sponsor Presentation, by A.Hak

A focused presentation highlighting innovative capabilities and solutions relevant to today's pipeline challenges.

16:00 Conference Closes

16.00 Refreshments, Networking & Exhibition

Gala Dinner

18:00 Gold Sponsored Drinks Reception

19:30 UKOPA 30th Anniversary Gala Dinner: Evening Keynote by Darren Elsom, COO SGN & President of IGEM

An evening of celebration, networking and reflection on the achievements of the industry.

00:00 Close



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Day 2 – Future

09:00 Exhibition opens

Meet exhibitors, explore the latest products and services, and reconnect with industry colleagues.

09:20 Opening Address

Setting the scene for a day focused on innovation, opportunity and the future of the industry.

9.30 Working Group Panel Session

Exploring future priorities, industry developments and areas where collaboration can drive progress.

10.00 Case Study Spotlight

Sharing practical experience and lessons learned from a project shaping future industry practices.

10.20 Technical Pulse: What's Working and Scaling?

Showcasing proven approaches, technologies and initiatives already delivering value across the sector.

10.55 Silver Sponsor Introduction, by DNV

A short introduction from a sponsor, sharing insights and expertise.

11.00 Refreshments, Networking & Exhibition

11.30 The Future: What's Coming Next?

Exploring emerging technologies, policy developments and trends likely to influence the industry in the years ahead.

11.45 The Pressure Test Moderated by Dr Mike Kirkwood

Six rapid-fire innovation pitches showcasing ideas, technologies and solutions that could help shape the future of the UK pipeline industry.

12.30 Lunch, Networking & Exhibition



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Day 2 – Future, continued

14.00 Future Workforce Panel Who Will Run the Industry in 10 Years?

Discussing talent attraction, skills development and the next generation of pipeline professionals.

Panellists include the Royal Academy of Engineering and our Young Members.

14.50 UKOPA 2035: Commitments & Next Steps by Simon Joyce

Drawing together key conference themes and identifying priorities for the future of the industry.

15.20 Closing Remarks

Final reflections and conference close.

15:30 Refreshments, Networking & Exhibition

16:00 Exhibition close

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