



Rocksavage

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Our values



Safety@Heart



Team players by nature



Integrity always



Community counts



Entrepreneurs in spirit

Heartbeat Community News

A new Community, Environmental and Sustainability Newsletter from Rocksavage Power Station

“The future of the Rocksavage site is now secure!”

Energy for generations a reality in the north west

Rocksavage Plant Manager Dan Fosberg was delighted to announce that land lease negotiations with landowners Inovyn had at last been finalised and agreed recently, confirming that the Rocksavage power plant site is now fully secure as an energy production centre until at least 2033.

“It really is great news and the culmination of some excellent negotiation work by the InterGen and Rocksavage team.” said Dan, “The agreement with Inovyn underpins all of our ambitious plans, including the shift from natural gas use to hydrogen, our links with the Hynet initiative and our ongoing and much-needed work with the community, local schools and young people.”

“With a five year renewal option which could take us up to 2038 it means that the InterGen pledge, ‘Energy for generations’ will become a reality here in the north west!

InterGen CEO **Jim Lightfoot** was similarly pleased and upbeat:

“I am delighted that we have been able to secure a more certain future for the Rocksavage site and more importantly, the team who work there. For 25 years Rocksavage has been a key asset for the North West, not just providing energy and grid stability, but as an employer, apprentice scheme partner and a pillar of community support as well.



Jim Lightfoot

The land lease extension now allows us to forge ahead with the next phase for Rocksavage, as a key partner with the Hynet hydrogen cluster in the region, as the North West looks to become a powerhouse for the green energy revolution.”





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Liverpool City Region Mayor at Rocksavage



Green Revolution: Innovation: STEM

Liverpool City Region Mayor Steve Rotheram took time out of his busy schedule to pay a welcome visit to the Rocksavage power plant recently, meeting the management team, employees and other stakeholders and contractors, to hold talks on a wide range of topics including what he called the 'Green Revolution', innovation in energy production and especially on the importance of STEM subjects and gender equality in education and recruitment.

Over lunch Steve was characteristically enthusiastic and confident about plans and prospects for the City Region, especially with the innovative and practical support of companies like Rocksavage, whose aims and ambitions so largely mirror his own.



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On his 'Green Revolution' Steve said:

"What I call the 'green industrial revolution' is a fantastic opportunity for areas like the Liverpool City Region to genuinely re-invent itself.



I want us to become Britain's renewable energy coast and to hear that the Rocksavage power plant could be the first in the whole country to convert from the use of fossil fuel natural gas to a blended hydrogen mix means that we really are doing things much earlier than other areas of the country."

On the incredible HyNet initiative: HyNet North West

"HyNet is the UK's leading hydrogen project, with firm and achievable plans to shift from fossil fuels to hydrogen - in both an industrial and domestic context.

I am proud to see that Rocksavage have established links with the HyNet team and are already collaborating with many different organisations and industries. It is fantastic for us, because I want us to maximise the opportunities HyNet will bring for the environment, for jobs, for the future and for innovation."



On STEM subjects:

"The Liverpool City Region have got a plan where we want to encourage employers through our Fair Employment Charter, to take on people from under-represented groups.



It is great to see an independent company that is doing something similar to us - looking at the diversity of their work force, building on an Apprenticeship training programme that's been demonstrably successful, and also to work with schools and colleges to try to encourage young man and women towards STEM subjects and to think about engineering jobs for their futures."

Steve said he is keen to stay in touch with Rocksavage and to hear about how its plans become realities for the people of the Liverpool City Region, through its 'Heartbeat Community News'.

Rocksavage hosts training and education forum, to help improve diversity in engineering



“We are making sure that, as we progress on our journey, we get more females into this industry... “Doing this now will give us this pipeline as we go into the future.”

In its most recent Environment Social and Governance Report InterGen states that, “the best investment we can make is in our people.”

At Rocksavage this maxim is being actioned from the grass roots up, through a range of new initiatives aimed at encouraging interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects - and creating greater equality through a more balanced recruitment and training policy.

Recently, Maintenance and Reliability Manager **Chris Bailey** joined with Senior HSSE Manager **Martyn Gilbert**, Plant Manager **Dan Fosberg** along with other managers and former Apprentices, to host a meeting with a group of local educational specialists, community colleges and schools. Its primary objective was to open discussions about how the plant can genuinely and effectively engage with young people to achieve its ambitious aspirations.

Talks were candid and open with presentations from organisations including STEM and ‘Enthuse’ setting out routes to establish links, to create educational programmes and to develop a range of interesting learning modes and models, to generate real interest from local young men and women alike.

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After the meeting we met with representatives and recorded a range of comments, including from:

Jenny Barrowcliff, ‘Enthuse’ Lead

“I think what Rocksavage did and said in the meeting today just shows what type of employer they are. They have found they have a gender imbalance and are doing something about it. A plan to get more young women into engineering.

I think is going to be really massive and shows that Rocksavage do actually care about people in the surrounding areas.”



Dan Twist, Warrington UTC

“Today was a very positive meeting. I believe we are ready to deliver for Dan immediately, that we can get Dan in front of potential candidates for his Apprenticeships here at Rocksavage and have them excited about the future - a pipeline of talent for our future - and their future!”



Dan Fosberg, Plant Manager

“We have a great future ahead of us. We’ve now got a confirmed time period in which to work, we’re looking into genuine de-carbonisation and with the kind of creative recruitment and Apprentice training programme we have talked about today we really can look to provide, ‘Energy for generations.’”

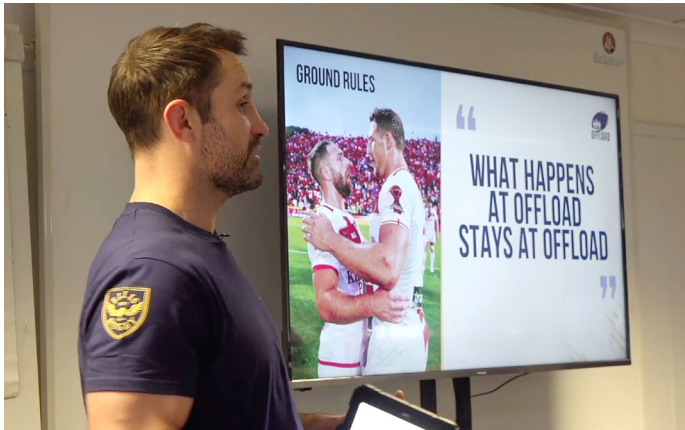


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Following the recent forum, Rocksavage has announced that the ‘Plant is to sponsor the local STEM Programme for a minimum of two years, as well as providing ‘STEM Ambassadors’ - Plant Manager, **Dan Fosberg** and Operations Engineer, **Abi France**.



Innovative mental health programme contributes to Rocksavage Employee Welfare initiative



With the mental health and wellbeing of employees fast becoming one of UK business's most important and talked-about topics, Rocksavage recently commissioned the presenters of Rugby League's own mental health mentoring programme 'Offload' to deliver a series of 'Live Streamed' sessions to a combined on-site and remote-working audience of personnel.

Former Warrington, Widnes and St Helens rugby league players fronted the presentations and spoke openly and at times emotionally about coping with the pressures of high-level sport which, they emphasised, was often much less about glamour and fame and more about injury and anxiety!

Through the wonders of video conferencing technology, staff members both on-site and working from home (WFH) were able to watch the presentations and actually interact with the presenters, asking questions, making comments and speaking to the presenters directly, conducting the kind of open discussion which would have previously only been possible with an attending live audience.

"We take our employee welfare very seriously," said organiser **Martyn Gilbert**. "As a function of the HSE process we are always seeking new and interesting ways to get our messages across. The Rugby League's renowned and successful 'Offload' programme seemed like the kind of approach that would be more clearly understood and appreciated by our people. Feedback has been very positive."

"Big Thanks should go to Louise Dowling, our Site Document Process Controller, through whom we were able to make contact with Wendy from the Offload Programme, to set-up the initiative, on-site."

Find out more at rugbyleaguecares.org/offload/

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HEARTBEAT...

HEARTBEAT is the regular newsletter of the InterGen Rocksavage power plant in Runcorn, Cheshire.

As part of InterGen's 'Community Counts' value, the newsletter features items on all aspects of Rocksavage's developments and activities. It is distributed to employees, stakeholders, contractors, supply chain partners and to our many local community friends and colleagues.

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Being a good neighbour...

Rocksavage continues to support and maintain its links with a range of community Appeals and Charitable causes.

In addition to financial contributions, the plant encourages interactions in all kinds of 'hands on' ways, for example by purchasing and installing the new community defibrillator at The Roundhouse public house in Weston Village.

Rocksavage has recently been involved in support of a number of community organisations, including:



Cheshire Wildlife Trust
1962 – 2022

