

# Building Skills for a Low Carbon Future

EDF Energy is planning to build a new nuclear power station at Hinkley Point C in Somerset, capable of powering 5 million homes in the UK. Our aim is to equip current and future generations in Somerset with the skills they need to deliver the low carbon economy.

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EDF Energy is planning to build a new nuclear power station at Hinkley Point C in Somerset, which will be capable of providing electricity to around 5 million homes in the UK. Our aim is for the first reactor to be operational by 2018.

Recognising the skills gap in the UK, EDF Energy is working hard to meet it and is focusing on two key areas: training and education. We are planning two new national training centres in the UK - with one at Bridgwater College, Somerset.

Our investments in Somerset will be made in phases in tandem with the development of the project, should the new power station be built.

Our aim is to create training and employment opportunities for local community involvement in the power station for generations to come.

### A Partnership Approach

We are working hard to develop strategic partnerships in the south west with the local authorities and other bodies to support the delivery of the skills and education agenda needed for the Hinkley Point C build.

We are also working with our supply chain partners to share standards of expertise, safety and quality throughout all aspects of the project.

### Energy Skills Centre

As part of our strategic vision for skills and training in the UK, we are investing £3 million in a strategic partnership with Bridgwater College to create a national training centre for EDF Energy in the south

west. The Energy Skills Centre was opened in January 2011 by Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP.

### Employment Brokerage Scheme

In partnership with JobCentre Plus we have developed an employment brokerage scheme to support the placement of people from Sedgemoor, West Somerset and the wider county of Somerset into sustainable employment created by the building of Hinkley Point C and its associated developments.

The brokerage will work with our contractors to create vacancies while ensuring there is a supply of suitably trained local people to fill them; and to provide apprenticeship opportunities for local people.

The aim is for the brokerage to be extended in the future to include the employment of operational staff to be recruited from the local area.

### Apprenticeships and Training

EDF Energy is also investing £1.6 million in West Somerset Community College - £1 million of which is for a new apprenticeship hub and £600,000 is for the Hinkley Ready Skills Project. This will support training in specific skills that will help people into employment on Hinkley Point C. The contribution will help the college revise the vocational curriculum and redevelop premises so that local people can gain the skills required to access the opportunities available.

◀ Hinkley Point B Apprentices. 75% of the 300 trained technicians needed for the operation of Hinkley Point C in 2018 will be sourced through EDF Energy's 4 year apprenticeship programme.

*"At Hinkley Point C we are working with the local community and are developing partnerships in the south west to build opportunities for local people."*

Humphrey Cadoux-Hudson  
Managing Director of Nuclear New Build, EDF Energy

### Construction Skills Centre

EDF Energy is investing £1.5 million in a partnership with Bridgwater College and national skills bodies to establish a construction skills centre at Bridgwater College.

This will provide a 'one-stop-shop' for training requirements and enable local people to gain skills required to secure a job with contractors on the project.

The centre will continue to serve the construction and civil engineering sector in the south west of England beyond the build of Hinkley Point C.

### From Primary Schools to Universities

One of our aims is to engage future generations early before they take some of the education decisions that will shape the rest of their working lives. We are proud that our POD initiative [www.jointhepod.org](http://www.jointhepod.org) has already helped educate 3 million primary school pupils in the UK about the low carbon economy.



West Somerset College workshop

We are implementing a programme in the south west to reduce the skills gap, enhance community benefits to the region, raise vocational and academic aspirations for young people and increase the awareness and understanding of the nuclear industry.

As well as working very closely with the university sector to ensure that the courses they offer provide graduates with the skills and education required for a project like Hinkley Point C, we are focusing on apprenticeships to cater for both the construction and the operational phases of Hinkley Point C.

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### Further Information

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