



# Scarf and APSE Energy

- *Smart Meter training opportunities*

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# Introduction

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- Future Energy partnership
- What we will offer and when
- Questions/discussion

# Background

- Meeting between myself and Mark Bramah/Ramsey Milne
- Over the next five years, smart meters will transform the energy industry
- They will give greater control to the consumer over their energy use and energy bills. They will remove the need for estimated billing and with appropriate information, advice and support to consumers they will help us all reduce our energy use and carbon footprint.

# About Scarf

- Thirty Years
- Social Enterprise/Charitable Status
- Ethical company/achievements

# Scarf services

- HES
- HEAT
- Greenskills

# About Future Energy

- Founded in 2013
- Based in Newcastle
- Mission to offer households a fairer deal for energy
- %'age of profits to charitable foundation
- Academies established in Newcastle and St Helens.



# The Partnership

- The Smart meter roll out will gather pace from the autumn of this year for the next five years.
- Industry bodies have suggested that there is a requirement to train around 16,000 new smart meter engineers to meet installation targets.
- The logic of a network of centres is that we can collectively support national contracts as well as each individual centre meeting local needs.
- Future Energy currently has a partner centre in St Helens, which is due to open in May and potential partners have been identified in the South West and South East of England.
- There is a clear opportunity to establish a training centre in Scotland.

# Smart Meter Training Academy

- Facilities (gas/electric teaching bays and classrooms)





# Courses

- Our training courses will be accredited by BPEC and will be endorsed/accredited by National Skills Academy Power (NSAP) and Energy & Utility Skills (EU Skills).
  - Level 2 Diploma, Smart Power
  - Level 2 Diploma, Smart Gas
  - Level 2 Diploma, Smart Dual Fuel
  - The courses include a certificate in Customer Service and bespoke module in Asbestos Awareness.

# Candidates

- The courses are to “upskill” to Smart.
- They are suitable for:
  - Competent Gas Installers - typically holding CCN1 and MET1 or CMA1
  - Competent Power Installers – typically holding NVQ3 Electrical 2391, 17<sup>th</sup> Edition and/or previous meter fitters who are employed by recognised contractors
  - 12 Candidates per course
  - 6 week duration for candidates with existing qualifications
    - 4 weeks in classroom/workshop
    - 2 weeks work experience mentoring programme

# Opportunity and Discussion

- Would a training centre be of interest to APSE members?
- Do you have a view on the ideal location for the centre?