



**GESGB SYMPOSIUM  
EXPLORING FOR  
NATURAL  
HYDROGEN**



Exploring the Energy Transition Special Interest Group

**GESGB Symposium | Exploring for Natural Hydrogen**

**Wednesday, 29 April 2026 | Fitzrovia Community Centre, London**

**TECHNICAL PROGRAMME**

<b>Session 1 – Chair: Kevin Dale, Sasol</b>	
09:00 – 09:20	<b>Registration</b>
09:20 - 09:30	<b>Kevin Dale, Sasol</b> <i>Welcome &amp; Introduction</i>
09:30 - 10:00	<b>Keynote Address</b> <b>Ian Hutchinson, Natural Hydrogen Study Group</b> <i>Exploring For Commercial Natural Hydrogen</i>
10:00 - 10:30	<b>Dr Euan Macaulay, Chief Geologist, Snowfox Discovery, UK</b> <i>The Importance of Building a Global Natural Hydrogen Portfolio</i>
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Refreshment break</b>
<b>Session 2 – Chair: Lucy Ramsey, Shell</b>	
11:00 - 11:30	<b>Owain Jackson, CEO, H2Au, UK</b> <i>Executing Natural Hydrogen Exploration – Oil and Gas Playbook or Something Different?</i>
11:30 - 12:00	<b>Richard Cooke, Director, HydroGenesis</b> <i>An overview of the natural hydrogen potential of Kenya</i>
12:00 - 12:30	<b>David Tierney, Principal Geoscientist, HyMaroc</b> <i>Natural Hydrogen Prospectivity Mapping in Morocco: Insights from the HyMaroc Program</i>
12:30 – 13:45	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>Session 3 – Chair: Gareth Cross, Firstelement FEX</b>	
13:45 - 14:00	<b>Gareth Cross, Co Founder &amp; Regional Geologist, Firstelement FEX</b> <i>A brief introduction to Firstelement Exploration</i>
14:00 - 14:30	<b>Henri Puntous, Co-founder &amp; CTO, Terrensis/TBH2 Aquitaine</b> <i>Exploration and Technical Challenges in our Pyrenean Exploration Permits</i>
14:30 - 15:00	<b>David Macareno, Exploration Manager USA &amp; Balkans, 45-8 Energy, Metz, France</b> <i>Natural Hydrogen Exploration: Geological and Geographic Diversity as a Lever for Success</i>
15:00 - 15:30	<b>Refreshment break</b>
<b>Session 4 – Chair: Brian Glover, Kingfisher</b>	
15:30 - 16:00	<b>Daniel Holloway, Senior Geoscientist, RAKGAS, UAE</b> <i>A Newly Discovered Shallow Mantle Body Underlying the Semail Ophiolite: Implications for Natural Hydrogen Exploration in Ras Al Khaimah, United Arab Emirates</i>
16:00 - 16:30	<b>Luis Carmona, Country Manager, Helios Group, Spain</b> <i>Building a Global Natural Hydrogen Portfolio</i>
16:30 - 17:00	<b>Kevin Dale, Sasol</b> <i>Reflection on the Day &amp; Closing Remarks followed by Q&amp;A</i>
17:00	<b>Evening Social Drinks at The Green Man Public House</b>

*This Symposium is organised by the Exploring the Energy Transition SIG committee.*

**Programme is subject to change. Timings: British Summer Time (BST)**