



VISIBLE SENIOR FEMALE ROLE MODELS

Putting women working on the project in touch with senior role models in other parts of the energy industry



“At our other new nuclear project, Hinkley Point C, we’re making a big effort to promote diversity. Women made up 40% of the recruits for one of our biggest apprenticeship schemes in 2019. The greater diversity of thinking this will bring can only be beneficial.”

As the nuclear industry grows, Julia hopes the progress will accelerate.

“Hinkley Point C and, hopefully, Sizewell C will play an important role in the UK for many decades to come. I want them to serve as models for the energy industry, where diversity of people and of thinking is valued at all levels. Both projects should represent the society they aim to serve.”

Julia Pyke,
Director of Nuclear Development
for EDF Energy



JULIA PYKE AND THE SIZEWELL C WOMEN’S NETWORK

Julia Pyke, Director of Nuclear Development for EDF Energy and one of the most senior women in the industry, is working on plans for the new nuclear power station Sizewell C in Suffolk

A role model for aspiring women in the nuclear and wider energy sector and committed to supporting the career development of others, she has recently set up the Sizewell C Women’s Network, intending to send out a clear message that EDF Energy wants women to come and work for them. Julia sees new projects like Sizewell C and Hinkley Point C as a big opportunity for women to come into the nuclear industry where they have been under represented for too long.

Building on the company-wide women’s network, which has existed for 10 years, the Sizewell C Women’s Network was established to promote networking with other organisations, helping the team to build contacts and to discuss as widely as possible the importance of the project to the fight against climate change. It can also put women working on the project in touch with senior role models in other parts of the energy industry, in Government and in the company’s supply chain – making senior women more visible and accessible.

Julia believes there are signs women are becoming more confident about taking up a career in the nuclear and construction sectors.

