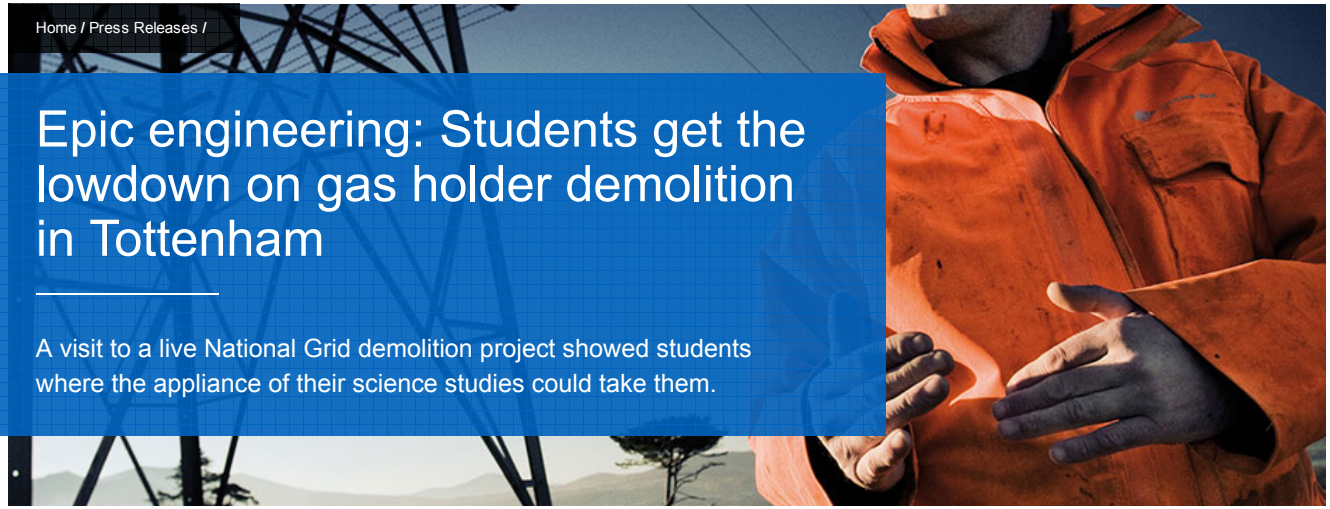

Epic engineering: Students get the lowdown on gas holder demolition in Tottenham

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- Students from the College of Haringey, Enfield and North East London (CONEL) visit local National Grid demolition project
- Experts on hand to explain dismantling process and give guidance on potential career options
- National Grid currently dismantling disused gasholders across the country to free up land for future development

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Students from the College of Haringey, Enfield and North East London (known as CONEL) visited the National Grid's gasholder site on Leeside Road, Tottenham, which is currently being dismantled.

A group of Level 1 Electrical Installations students from the college recently attended a National Grid hosted event to learn about gasholder demolition and future career options.

Representatives from National Grid, demolition contractors Erith and engineering and construction consultants Worley Parsons were on hand to answer questions.

Derek Munro, Level 1 Electrical Installations Course Tutor at The College of Haringey, Enfield and North East London said: "It was a great opportunity for the students to visit a live demolition site and experience how the skills they are learning at college can be applicable in the workplace.

“National Grid provided excellent presentations and careers advice, which the students will really benefit from. The students really enjoyed the visit, and were asking the engineers about the work they did. Our thanks go to National Grid for providing this excellent opportunity.”

Councillor Doris Jiagge, London Borough of Enfield representative for Upper Edmonton, also attended the session, she said: “It’s great to see National Grid involving students from the local area in their work and providing a really beneficial experience for the students. The information provided about apprenticeship opportunities and careers advice was very encouraging to see, and a number of students were asking about careers in the sector”.

Keith Johnston, National Grid’s Land Regeneration Manager, said “We were delighted to host a visit from our near neighbours at The College of Haringey, Enfield and North East London.

“National Grid is always keen to have a positive impact on the communities in which we work.”

He added: “This was a great opportunity to highlight to the students the importance of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) skills in addressing the UK’s shortage of engineers, and encourage them to consider a career in this industry”.

Following on from the visit, representatives from National Grid’s Education and Skills Specialist team will be visiting the college to talk to students in more detail about their apprenticeship programmes.

The gas holders once helped supply energy to the local community but changes in technology mean they are no longer needed enabling National Grid to decommission them and free up the land for redevelopment.

More information on the work can be obtained by contacting the project community relations team who can be contacted by calling freephone: 0800 083 1787 (9am-5:30pm Mon-Fri) or by emailing nationalgridtottenham@communitycomms.co.uk

National Grid is carrying out similar projects at its former gasworks sites across the country.

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