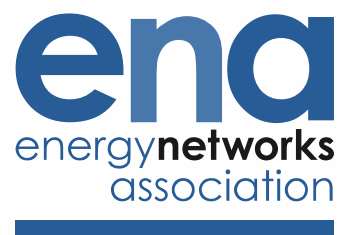


Connections Lead, Innovation Team **Innovation & Electricity Systems Department**

Salary: Competitive salary, dependent on experience

Contract: Permanent, Full-Time

Location: London Bridge/More London – Hybrid Working (office based working on two of three core days: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Rest of the week option of office or remote working in the UK).



About ENA

Energy Networks Association (ENA) represents the 'wires and pipes' Transmission and Distribution Network Operators for gas and electricity in the UK and Ireland. Our Members control and maintain the critical national infrastructure that delivers these vital services into our homes and businesses. More information about the company can be found here: <https://www.energynetworks.org/info/about/who-we-are.html>

The role

ENA is looking for a Connections Lead to join the Innovation team at ENA. As the UK continues its journey towards a Net Zero future, all industries are looking to the Energy Networks to enable them to move to low and no carbon options. The Connections Lead would steer the industry-leading Strategic Connections programme and as well as the delivery groups focused on solution implementation activities. They will collaborate with all GB Electricity Transmission, Distribution and System Operators, in order to tackle the mission critical challenges affecting the sector.

In collaboration with the Strategic Connections Group (SCG) elected Chairperson, the Connection Lead will identify the long list of strategic connections issues that require resolution, establish a prioritisation of the long list of issues, shape the use cases and solution required and then set up and manage a sub group to deliver against agreed plans. This will require an understanding and experience of working in the connections landscape as well as proven project management and stakeholder management capabilities. The initiatives delivered through the SCG will be internal (such as identifying new ways in which Networks can optimise the connections queue) as well as external (identifying best practices for connections customers that better support connection outcomes & decarbonisation). The solutions created through these initiatives will then be implemented nationally across all GB Electricity Networks.

The candidate will be expected to manage a programme of work, combining several projects and initiatives running simultaneously, with varying priorities, and that may have tight timescales. They will develop excellent working relationships with our Member companies that will enable the creation, and delivery of a range of projects, which will vary year to year based on Member and national working groups' needs.

Managing these initiatives will also require the development of project plans, stakeholder mapping and management, risk management, supplier and cost management, project progress reporting, as well as the administration and management of meetings such as recording meeting minutes and tracking actions to closure. They will confidently lead Membership groups on a range of innovation projects, acknowledging their range of views, and employing stakeholder management techniques to build consensus. They will also be

able to represent ENA and the Membership in other external forums through presentations, round table discussions and dissemination of ENA content.

Key responsibilities

The Connections Lead will be responsible for assisting with key ENA work areas, which include, but are not limited to the following:

- Lead the management of the Strategic Connections group, in collaboration with the elected Chair of the Group, evolving consensus amongst ENA's Member Companies on specific project related issues.
- Deliver Strategic Connections Sub group initiatives on time and to budget. This will include setting up, planning, developing, delivering, managing and monitoring a wide range of initiatives and projects.
- Onboard and manage contractors and consultants that support the delivery of the Strategic Connections Group projects.
- Represent ENA Member companies in engaging with key stakeholders such as government and regulatory officials, and at relevant committees/meetings connected with innovation.
- Develop relationships with key stakeholders, including Ofgem, BEIS, DFT, trade associations and other industry and non-industry stakeholders
- Produce and maintain: project management documents and materials, budgets and timelines, communications plans.
- Liaise with and seek input from other ENA Teams, for example the External Affairs, Engineering and Regulation teams
- Deliver the administrative aspects of the Strategic Connections Group including setting the meeting agendas, recording actions and minutes, and preparation of project updates to be delivered to the group.
- Horizon Scanning: be on the lookout for innovative technologies and methodologies that could be applicable to ENA Members
- Other outputs as required by the Head of Innovation and Director of Electricity Systems

Person specification

Essential criteria:

- Good knowledge of Network connections context, regulations, and GB connections processes, ideally with a proven track record of delivering electricity customer connections or connections programmes.
- Knowledge and understanding of the challenges facing electricity Transmission and Distribution Networks in connecting new and varied assets in line with Government energy transition targets.
- Established understanding of project management methodology, a project management qualification would also be beneficial (E.G. MSP, PRINCE 2, AgilePM, APM etc.)
- Strong drive to deliver for the benefit of stakeholders (Networks and connections customers), and a collaborative approach to project delivery
- Highly organised with good attention to details, while also being able to deliver quickly on actions
- Ability to develop strong relationships with key stakeholders
- Excellent verbal communications and presentation skills
- Excellent written skills for producing PM documentation, as well as contributing to industry reports, and consultation responses.
- A sound working knowledge of the Microsoft Office Suite (MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint in particular) and Microsoft Outlook is essential.

- Ability to successfully work in a team environment and easily adapt to fast-paced and changing scenarios.

Desirable criteria:

- A good understanding of the UK Governments decarbonisation strategy and the relevant impacts on Electricity Networks.
- Degree qualification in Electrical Engineering or other relevant technical degree with transferable skills
- Support the development of team members to understand the connections landscape

Benefits

In return in addition to a competitive salary you will have access to a range of other employee benefits including; 28 days' holiday entitlement; Group Personal Pension Scheme, Annual Bupa Medical Assessment, Employee Assistance Programme and an interest-free season ticket or bike loan.

To apply, please send your CV with a covering letter explaining what you could bring to this role to recruitment@energynetworks.org.

Closing date for applications: Tuesday, 21 March 2023