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End of an era as apprentices find new home



This week saw the end of an era at the GEN II training centre at Sellafield as apprentice training re-located to the new ENERGUS facility at Lillyhall.

The Sellafield Training Centre was purpose built by British Nuclear Fuels Ltd back in 1981 as Sellafield's dedicated apprentice training centre. The first intake of just 60 apprentices increased over the years peaking at around 240 first and second year apprentices undergoing training.

The apprentice training centre was taken over by GEN II in 1999 with many of the original Sellafield training staff transferring into the new company. Over the past 10 years GEN II has continued to train many local apprentices in trades such as electricians, mechanical engineers and fabricators for the Sellafield site and other local employers.

Jim Messenger, Sellafield site manager for GEN II, has spent almost 30 years in the centre as an electrical instructor, support engineer and more recently a facilities manager. He said: "I have enjoyed every minute of working in the centre. The staff and apprentices have made it a great success over the years. Some of my former apprentices have gone on to achieve very senior positions within the nuclear and other industries." *Continued on page two*

Bloomin' marvellous – Sellafield Ltd trophy claimed for best tidy village

Surrounded by beautiful flowers in the picturesque town of Grange over Sands, this year's Cumbria in Bloom Awards were presented.

This year's awards were held in the lovely surroundings of Graythwaite Manor Hotel.

Sellafield Ltd's Roger Dickinson, commercial superintendent, decommissioning represented Sellafield Ltd who sponsored the Best Tidy Village – large.

The winning entry came from the village of Bothel who were presented with the Sellafield Ltd rose bowl.

Roger said: "The objective of Cumbria in Bloom is straightforward; to encourage local communities to take a pride in their surroundings.

"Having taken the opportunity to visit the villages nominated prior to the Cumbria in Bloom event, it is clear that pride and team working is out there in abundance.

"It was therefore a pleasure to present the Sellafield Ltd rose bowl to the winner in this category."

Cumbria in Bloom is a charitable organisation whose aim is the promotion, improvement and understanding of horticulture, floriculture and environmental issues for the benefit of the inhabitants of Cumbria.

In existence since 1983, Cumbria in Bloom has largely been funded by grants from the City, Borough, District and County Councils.



Left to Right: Lee Hodgson, Mayoress of Copeland, Roger Dickinson, Lord Cavendish and Copeland Mayor Henry Wormstrup.

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Sellafield Ltd will continue to train apprentices via GEN II but as from this week the apprentices will be trained in the ENERGUS facility at Workington.

Jim, who has been personally involved in the transition project to move the location of the training added: "It is the end of one era and the start of a new one and I would like to wish the next 30 years of apprentices every success in their careers".

Mike Smith, Managing Director of GEN II said "This is a time of mixed emotions as we leave a centre with many fond memories, having trained 800 apprentices over 10 years, but look to the future and the start of a new chapter of apprentice training in the ENERGUS facility. The transition of learners from the current centre at Sellafield to the ENERGUS facility at Lillyhall enables us to provide training in some of the best facilities the country has to offer, ensuring that local employers continue to have access to some of the UK's most highly skilled apprentices."

The apprentices commenced their training in the new ENERGUS facility on 14th September.

VIP Visits to Sellafield

10.9.09: USDoE

10.9.09: Whitehaven News

10.9.09: Terry Lazenby, ECITB (Engineering Construction Industry Training Board)

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