

CIS - Critical Industry Society

Networking for the energy, logistics and raw materials industries



ABOUT The CIS

With a history of almost 100 years, this group has evolved and adapted to the changing demands of the energy industry.

It offers a comfortable environment to discuss business and interact with other like-minded people.

The Society started because of the British coal industry, and it still recognises the importance of coal in the world (providing 38% of its energy, used in 70% of steel-making and 40% of cement production).

Now, it reaches to other energy suppliers and brings together people from manufacturing, logistics and raw materials as well as testing facilities and ancillary services.

In normal times the CIS holds business lunches twice a year at the Milner Hotel in York (situated next to the railway station). With guest speakers from the industry, it provides entertainment and information, together with networking opportunities.

Despite the traditional past of the Society, the CIS today is a vibrant group that welcomes members from the wider energy industry and related businesses.

Membership is free and awarded on approval. Please apply to join.

History of the CIS

TIMELINE with significant milestones

1929	The Coal Trade Luncheon Club met at Hotel Metropole, London Speaker: A W Archer
1932	Reconstituted to become the Coal Industry Society Educational courses were introduced
1939 – 1945	No meetings during WWII
1945 – 1965	Educational courses organised in 14 Technical Colleges in UK
1963	Ruling of maximum 5 years for presidency introduced
1965	The Society and the Provincial Societies co-ordinated to form Annual Liaison Committee
1967	Women first admitted to the lunches Barbara Castle MP Minister of Transport first lady speaker
1971	Removed age limit of 46 for joining members
1974	Women allowed to be full members
1996	Removed age limit of 46 for committee members and officers
2019	Society rebranded as the CIS – Networking for the Energy Industry
2022	Society rebranded as the CIS – Critical Industry Suppliers



VENUE FOR
CIS NETWORKING LUNCHESES*
Milner Hotel
Station Road
York
YO24 1AA
01904 653681
(next to Railway Station)
Limited onsite parking available
*subject to change