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Membership of the CIS

Formerly the Coal Industry Society (established in 1929), the Critical Industry Society has evolved to reflect today's critical industries, bringing together organisations involved in the energy transition, logistics and raw material supply chains.

The CIS represents more than 400 organisations from industry, government and education. Organisations represented within the CIS include Associated British Ports, British Gypsum, Drax Power, Glencore, Hargreaves, Heidelberg Materials, Scania and the ports of Middlesbrough, Sunderland and Tyne, amongst many others.

The CIS is an individual membership organisation, run on a not-for-profit basis for the benefit of its members and the wider industry community. The profile of members is deliberately broad, with positions ranging from CEOs and industry leaders to apprentices and students.

Membership is free

There is no charge to become a member of the CIS and no financial commitment or obligation associated with membership.

Membership is ongoing until cancelled, and members who retire are very welcome to remain part of the Society and continue attending events.

What members receive

- Two members' lunches, normally held in March and November
- The CIS AGM, held in May
- The Annual CIS Conference, held in July
- Monthly Message newsletter, with opportunities to contribute news, or opt out without affecting membership.

How the CIS operates

The CIS is administered by Jay One Events Ltd.

Events are priced to cover the costs of delivering them, based on a minimum number of attendees. Any surplus is used to support charitable causes and educational opportunities for young people, or subsidise future networking events for members.

The CIS may also partner with other organisations to deliver specific events, creating further opportunities for members to build relationships across the wider industry community.