



**Co Tyrone firm fined after death of an 18-year-old electrical apprentice**

A Co Tyrone firm has been fined after the death of an 18-year-old electrical apprentice working at a new data property in Monaghan, in 2023.

South Central District Criminal Justice Centre (SCDC) at Loughrath, Co. Wick, following an investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) in Northern Ireland (NIE). The company, based in Co. Tyrone, was fined for a company safety policy in a data centre and safety of electrical equipment.

On 16 October 2023, an 18-year-old electrical apprentice died while working on a live electrical circuit during work on the property, which was under construction.

He was working alone and unaccompanied within a room in the property when the incident occurred. A live electrical circuit was not properly isolated, resulting in electrocution.

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**Hybrid power system expected to reduce carbon emissions by 70%**

CLANC, a leading provider of renewable energy solutions, has announced a new hybrid power system that is expected to reduce carbon emissions by 70%.

The system, which is being developed for a new data centre, will combine solar, wind and battery storage to provide a clean, reliable and cost-effective power source.

CLANC's Managing Director, John O'Connell, said: "This is a significant milestone for our company, as it demonstrates our commitment to reducing our carbon footprint and providing sustainable energy solutions for our clients."

The system is expected to be completed by the end of 2024 and will provide a significant reduction in the data centre's carbon emissions.

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## Innovative training programme upsills up utilities sector

» A first-ever Joint Utilities Entry Level Training Programme, aimed at upskilling support workers for subcontractors installing utility assets, has been completed in Northern Ireland.

Developed to build the workforce needed for a net-zero economy in the region, the programme represents a partnership between the **Construction Industry Training Board** Northern Ireland (**CITB NI**), Department for the Economy (DfE), NIE Networks and Kier.

Participants completing the 22-week programme gained practical and theoretical training including 80 days on site and 30 days offsite. They will receive certificates and industry-recognised registration cards enabling them to work across the four main utility sectors: electricity, gas, water and telecoms. The programme, which was fully funded for paid employees of relevant businesses, is



L-R: Gordon Parkes, NIE, Barry Neilson, CITB NI, and Greg Price, Kier.

suited for new recruits or existing operatives without formal training or certification.

Phase two of the programme will reopen for new applications in the autumn.

Gordon Parkes, NIE Networks, said, "Like many employers, we struggle to find people with Green Skills, an area where 28,000 jobs are expected in the next 10 years."

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