

**Invitation to a Distributed Generation stakeholder workshop, followed by lunch:
3rd November 2015 at Birmingham's Villa Park**

I am writing to invite you to WPD's dedicated stakeholder workshop on distributed generation, hosted at Villa Park, Birmingham.

Distributed generation (DG) is an electricity generating plant that is connected to WPD's network, rather than the transmission network. In recent years, we have seen a huge rise in the number of DG connections and this trend is set to continue. We recognise that connecting customers to the electricity network is a critical activity that delivers benefits both to individual customers and to society more broadly.

As the volume of connections increases there are new challenges for us to overcome to ensure that we continue to manage and adapt the connections process so it works for our customers. As a key stakeholder, we would be very interested to get your feedback on how we can continue to address these challenges as we move towards a decarbonised energy sector.

We will cover a range of topics including customer service improvements, innovative connections, transmission/distribution interface issues (Statement of Works) and commercial issues including queue management. In the afternoon, there will be an opportunity for attendees to participate in more detailed 'surgeries'.

The full write up of last year's distributed generation workshop can be found [here](#).

The details of the event are shown below.

Address: Villa Park, Trinity Rd, Birmingham, B6 6HE

Date: 3rd November 2015

Time: Registration from 9.15am; Workshops 10am-1pm; lunch 1pm-2pm; optional 'surgeries' 2-3pm

Following the event all attendees will be offered a complimentary tour of Villa Park.

We promise lively debate, interesting discussion and a chance to feed directly into our business processes. We will capture all of your comments and seek to act upon the outcomes.

Please let us know if you are able to attend this event by emailing mail@westernpowerworkshops.co.uk or by calling 020 3397 2414. If you are unable to attend, but have a colleague who would be interested in the workshop, please do share this invitation with them.

I very much hope to see you at the workshops.

Yours sincerely



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