

## **Press release**

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#### **[Engineering a solution to the energy crisis](#)**

The fallout from Fukushima has presented governments all over the world with an acute problem: how to solve a looming energy crisis if nuclear power is considered too risky.

The Manchester Salon is hosting a discussion looking at the issues entitled 'Engineering Solutions to the Energy Crisis'.

There are a growing number of interesting and innovative technical solutions being put forward to help solve the crisis. Some advocate the supplanting of fossil fuels by using hydrogen as a fuel source, produced solely by the electrolysis of water using renewable electricity.

While more controversial techniques including shale gas fracking, which has resulted in some community protests against what are seen as rapacious energy companies.

The discussion is being programmed to coincide with the [National Science & Engineering Week](#), being coordinated by the **British Science Association** between 09 and 18 March.  
**It is also planned to have the discussion filmed by Nuclear Liaison TV for use on the Internet.**

Guest speakers at the Salon event include Mike Koefman, outreach worker for Planet Hydrogen, a Manchester-based NGO which advocates the supplanting of all fossil fuels by hydrogen; Lauren Collins who represented the UK's Nuclear Institute Young Generation Network at the MENA nuclear conference held in Dubai last year; and James Woodhuysen is a futurologist with special interest in energy issues.

**Date:** Monday, 12 March, 2012, at 6.45pm, £5 entry.

**Venue:** International Anthony Burgess Foundation, Cambridge Street, Manchester, M1 5BY.

For further details on the event and Manchester Salon's activities, contact Simon Belt at [events@manchestersalon.org.uk](mailto:events@manchestersalon.org.uk).