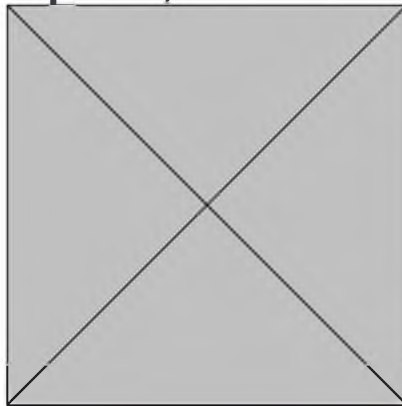


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New Luncheon Speaker Confirmed!

Hugh Halford-Thompson, Co-Founder of the BTL



Group, will provide the keynote address during YPP's Thursday Luncheon. Hugh has over seven years' experience within fintech and the blockchain technology space and co-founded BTL Group with his brother in 2015. Prior to forming BTL Group, Hugh founded other technology businesses, as well as worked as a technical specialist and software architect at HP Autonomy and Deluxe Media Technologies. At BTL Group, Hugh is responsible for initiating technical projects and managing client relationships. Hugh

graduated from the University of Exeter with a BSc degree in Computer Science in 2011.

In conjunction with WGC 2018, the American Gas Association will host the **Young Professionals Program (YPP)**. To be held June 27-29, 2018, the YPP will provide an excellent opportunity for promising young professionals in the energy sector, as well as other stakeholders, to learn from top leaders in the natural gas industry and network with their peers from around the world.

We are seeking global participants who are passionate about learning and continuing to contribute their skills and leadership abilities to the energy sector. The agenda will include engaging panel discussions that will focus on critical industry issues such as *Global Perspectives on the Future of Natural Gas* and *Planning for a Low Carbon Future*. As well, the agenda will feature several sessions focused on professional development topics including *Preparing for an Evolving Career* and *Recruiting the Next Generation of Energy Leaders*. In addition to formal conference programming, YPP participants will benefit from access to the WGC 2018 exhibit hall, where they will have the opportunity to experience one-on-one interactions with exhibitors from across the globe.

The program is open to all employees and stakeholders in the energy industry who are 40 years of age or younger. Registration is \$900 for those in the private sector. **A government rate of \$450 is now available to those who qualify.** Registration includes YPP programming, access to the WGC 2018 exhibition floor and several networking events, including an evening reception at AGA Headquarters, followed by a moonlit tour of Washington D.C.'s famed monuments.

An updated program agenda can be found by [clicking here](#).

Note that the YPP is limited to the first 200 registrants—and spots are filling quickly! Register now before it's too late.

For more information on the event, including a link to register and secure your hotel accommodations, [please visit this link](#).

Also, follow us on Twitter [@WGC_YPP2018](#) or [LinkedIn](#) for frequent updates and shared content.

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