

## CIGRE Women's Network UK "How to build your networks" (ENZEN, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017)



Enzen was very proud to host the "How to build your networks" CIGRE Women's Network UK event and welcomed over forty delegates from a diverse range of power organisations and career backgrounds. The theme was networking and how a variety of topics, for example, power, influence and work life balance, can impact the ability to network effectively.

The afternoon started with lunch and the chance to informally network. Following lunch there was a guest panel with four panellists who shared their networking experiences with delegates. Our panellists were:

- Sarah Williams, Business Improvement Manager, Wales & West Utilities
- Philippe Adam, CIGRE General Secretary
- Uma Rajarathnam, Head of Applied Research and Collaboration at Enzen
- Elizabeth Coffey, MD of Spark Leadership

Each guest presented their experiences and insights across several topics related to networking and took questions from the delegates. For the rest of the afternoon, recognising that in 2017 social media plays a huge part in the role of networking, delegates enjoyed an interactive session designed to increase their practical knowledge of social media networking platforms with the aim of enhancing their online presence.

The afternoon was extremely well received with delegates providing great feedback on the interactive session. When participants were asked for one word to describe the event, common themes included; 'enlightening', 'valuable', 'enjoyable', 'fantastic', 'informative', 'engaging' and 'inspiring'.

The panellists commented on the great energy in the room and were pleased that so many women from the power industry were coming together to share experiences, insights and build their networks.

CIGRE Women's Network UK continues to help women in electricity sector to access inspiring models in order to realise their potential. Together we continue to inspire the current generation to progress their careers by developing their skills and we look forward to networking with this inspiring group of women for years to come!