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Blueprint to Transition– a new film on U.K. Coal Power Phase Out by Powering Past Coal Alliance and Bloomberg Philanthropies at BNEF Summit

New York, NY – Today, the BloombergNEF (BNEF) Summit will preview *Blueprint for Transition*, a new video documentary from the Powering Past Coal Alliance (PPCA) and Bloomberg Philanthropies showcasing the U.K.'s successful transition from coal to cleaner energy. This 2-minute preview of *Blueprint to Transition* will screen during the Summit's plenary sessions on March 25 and 26. The full-length 14-minute video will be available for viewing at <https://poweringpastcoal.org/> on March 25.

The trailer provides a look at how the U.K., the birth place of industrialization, is phasing out coal power, serving as a potential blueprint for other countries and sub-national governments. The video features Nick Bridge, U.K. Foreign Secretary's Special Representative for Climate Change, explaining [innovative government policies](#) that are enabling the U.K. to be [coal power free by 2025](#) or sooner. These policies have helped provide a level playing field for renewable energy growth, making the U.K. the world's leader in offshore wind power generation. The film also features the U.K.'s National Grid Electricity System Operator control centre to highlight how variable energy sources are successfully dispatched to meet consumer demand in a cost-effective manner.

There is now a boom in U.K. offshore wind operations. Energy companies are manufacturing, installing and maintaining offshore turbines, helping to reinvigorate maritime communities that had been in economic decline. The U.K. experience is a model for other governments on how to phase out coal power, expand economic diversity and transition to a low carbon economy in a fair and just way for impacted workers and communities.

What: *Blueprint to Transition* video preview

Where: BNEF Summit New York, Grand Hyatt New York Ballroom, 109 East 42nd Street, New York, NY

When: March 25, 15:05 EDT, March 26, 14:35 EDT. All screenings will be during the Summit plenary sessions.

Film Notes: The [14-minute video](#) features Yorkshire and the Humber, now dubbed the [Energy Estuary](#), as examples of how maritime communities can boost their economic base and leverage their skilled workforce to build a vibrant offshore wind industry.

Blueprint to Transition video interviewees include –

- Nick Bridge – **Foreign Secretary's Special Representative for Climate Change, U.K.**
- Megan Richards – **Director Energy Policy, European Commission.**



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- Seb Henbest – Director, Europe, Middle East and Africa, **BloombergNEF**.
- Fintan Slye – Director, UK System Operator, **National Grid ESO**.
- Roisin Quinn – Head, National Control, **National Grid ESO**.
- Tom Harries – Senior Associate, Offshore Wind, **BloombergNEF**.
- Mark O'Reilly – CEO & Chairman, **Team Humber Marine Alliance**.
- Rob Langton – Managing Director, **MMS Ship Repair & Dry Dock Co.**
- Emma Toulson – Lead Stakeholder Advisor, Stakeholder Relations, **Orsted U.K.**
- Tony Marshall – Shipyard Manager, **MMS Ship Repair & Dry Dock Co.**

Background: PPCA members are committed to sharing their skills, experience and best practices as means of supporting the international effort to advance the phase out of unabated coal power generation.

In September 2018 at the Global Climate Action Summit, the PPCA and Bloomberg Philanthropies presented a video documentary [Common Sense, Common Ground](#). This short film showcased a successful coal plant phase-out in Washington state, illustrating how opposed parties came together to create a fair deal, serving as a model for retiring coal plants worldwide.

Blueprint to Transition is the latest resource resulting from the partnership between the PPCA and Bloomberg Philanthropies, announced in April 2018, providing policy makers with high quality [insights](#) and practical examples to support efforts to transition away from unabated coal power generation.

Details on PPCA members' transition stories are published on the [PPCA's website](#).

About the PPCA

The PPCA brings together national and sub-national governments, businesses and organisations working to advance the transition from coal power to clean energy.

The Canadian and the U.K. governments launched the PPCA at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change's 23rd session of the Conference of the Parties (COP23), in Bonn, Germany, in November 2017. As of 25 March 2019, a total of 80 members have joined the PPCA, comprising 30 national governments, 22 sub-national governments, and 28 businesses or organisations.

About Bloomberg Philanthropies

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