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# Chemical Plant Commissioning

Wednesday 1 – Friday 3 July 2026



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## About the course

Exploring the intricacies of commissioning and start up procedures for process plants, this course caters to both big and small plants. Participants will learn various topics, including the strategic planning and managerial considerations for major plants, troubleshooting technical issues during small plant start-ups and navigating the documentation requirements in commissioning processes.

Led by industry experts with extensive experience in commissioning and start-up operations, this course provides a comprehensive overview of the commissioning process through engaging presentations, informative tutorials and real-world case studies.

## Who should attend

Ideal for young graduate process engineers preparing for their first commissioning role, as well as seasoned professionals seeking to enhance their commissioning knowledge and skills for overseeing new plant commissions.

## Course Director

Professor Mike Fairweather,  
School of Chemical and Process Engineering,  
University of Leeds

## Deputy Course Director

Dr Martin Pitt, Consultant

## Deputy Course Director (Industrial)

Professor Paul Lunt, Commissioning, Start-up & Operational Readiness  
Consultant and Visiting Professor, University of Leeds

## Course fees

The course fee includes comprehensive course materials, refreshments, lunches, the course dinner on Wednesday evening and the BBQ-style evening reception on Thursday evening.

IChemE Member **£1500**

Non IChemE Member **£1580**

Substitutions may be made at any time without extra charge except that a non IChemE substitute will be liable to the £80 supplement on the standard registration fee.

## 50th Anniversary Edition

### July 2026

2026 marks the 50th anniversary of the Chemical Plant Commissioning short course, delivered by the University of Leeds. To celebrate this significant milestone, the 1-3 July 2026 course will be delivered during a special anniversary year, bringing together five decades of expertise, industry insight, and professional practice.

Alongside the established course content, the anniversary year provides an opportunity to reflect on the evolution of chemical plant commissioning over the past 50 years, as well as to consider current best practice and future challenges facing the industry.

## 50th Anniversary

### Course Dinner

#### Wednesday 1 July

Harvey Nichols Fourth Floor Brasserie,  
Leeds City Centre | 19:00

## 50th Anniversary BBQ-Style Evening Reception

### Thursday 2 July

Courtyard, Weetwood Hall Hotel | 18:00



## Course accreditation

The Leeds Chemical Plant Commissioning course has been **Approved by the IChemE** and this course would count as **17 hours of Continuing Professional Development (CPD)**.



## Wednesday 1 July 2026

09:00 Registration and coffee

**09:30 Opening address**  
Professor Mike Fairweather,  
University of Leeds

**09:45 Introduction to plant commissioning**  
Dr Martin Pitt,  
Consultant

**10:15 Pre-commissioning**  
Dr Martin Pitt,  
Consultant

11:00 Coffee

**11:15 Tutorial exercise: Heat Transfer Utility**  
Dr Martin Pitt,  
Consultant

13:00 Lunch

**14:00 Tutorial exercise presentations**

**14:30 Discussion on tutorial exercise**  
Dr Martin Pitt,  
Consultant

**14:45 Developing effective commissioning plans and schedules**  
Martin Killcross,  
Commissioning Consultant

15:30 Tea

**15:45 Planning tutorial exercise**  
Martin Killcross and  
Dr Martin Pitt

17:15 End of day one

18:30 Coach transport to course dinner

**19:00 50th Anniversary Course Dinner**  
Harvey Nichols Fourth Floor  
Brasserie, Leeds City Centre

## Thursday 2 July 2026

09:00 Coffee

**09:15 Plant completion – dealing with complexity**  
Barry Monk  
Director Commissioning  
& Start-up, Climeworks,  
Switzerland

**10:00 Risk based commissioning and start-up**  
Professor Paul Lunt,  
Commissioning,  
Start-up & Operational Readiness  
Consultant and Visiting Professor,  
University of Leeds

**10:45 Commissioning tutorial**  
Paul Lunt, supported by  
Martin Pitt, Barry Monk and  
Gregg Dadson, Grain LNG Ltd.

11:30 Coffee

**11:45 Tutorial exercise continued**

13:00 Lunch

**13:45 Commissioning measurement and control systems – Hardware commissioning**  
David Stockill,  
Stockill Energy Management  
Systems Ltd

**14:45 Tutorial exercise**  
David Stockill

15:45 Tea

**16:00 Commissioning measurement and control systems (cont.) – Process control and loop tuning**  
David Stockill

17:00 End of day two

**18:00 50th Anniversary BBQ-Style Evening Reception**  
Courtyard, Weetwood Hall

## Friday 3 July 2026

08:45 Coffee

**09:00 The law, safety and the environment**  
Dr Martin Pitt,  
Consultant

**09:45 Commissioning hazard studies**  
Professor Paul Lunt,  
Commissioning, Start-up &  
Operational Readiness  
Consultant and Visiting Professor,  
University of Leeds

**10:30 Case Study – Commissioning small areas of plant**  
Richard Griffiths,  
BOC Ltd, a Linde company

11:15 Coffee

**11:30 Case Study – Commissioning of large-scale plants**  
Gregg Dadson,  
Integration & Commissioning  
Manager, Grain LNG Ltd.

**12:15 Commissioning “Top Tips”**  
Martin Killcross,  
Commissioning Consultant

**13:00 Course review**  
Professor Mike Fairweather,  
University of Leeds

13:10 Buffet lunch

13:50 End of day three and course

Please note, although we remain devoted to the programme specified, we reserve the right to vary the programme in detail if required to do so by factors beyond our control.

## What our previous delegates say:

“One of the best courses I’ve attended, it has really changed the way I will be approaching future commissioning projects. The benefit of having a range of such experienced speakers should not be underestimated!” – Ioan Jones, Leprino Foods

“The course that chemical engineers wish they had taken sooner. Engineered for Engineers!” – Beth Kimani, Briar Chemicals

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# Further information

## Venue

The course venue will be Weetwood Hall Hotel which offers first-class hotel facilities, a business centre and ample parking facilities. Weetwood Hall Hotel is ideally situated 15 minutes north of the centre of Leeds. Further details can be found at [www.weetwood.co.uk](http://www.weetwood.co.uk)

## Accommodation

If you require accommodation, and wish to stay at the course venue Weetwood Hall Hotel please contact Stevie Standerline E: [reservations@weetwood.co.uk](mailto:reservations@weetwood.co.uk) / T: 0113 230 6000 quoting 'CPD' and the 'Chemical Plant Commissioning' course.

Bedrooms are subject to availability with free of charge cancellation 48 hours prior to arrival:

Tuesday – Thursday – bed and breakfast £127

Rates are per night for sole occupancy in a double room and inclusive of VAT.

A list of alternative hotels is available on request.

## 50th Anniversary Course Dinner and BBQ-Style Evening Reception

The course dinner will take place on Wednesday evening in Harvey Nichols Fourth Floor Brasserie, Leeds and the BBQ-Style Evening Reception will take place on Thursday evening in the Weetwood Hall Hotel courtyard. Both are included in the course fee and transportation to/from Weetwood Hall is provided for the course dinner. The dress code is smart casual.

## How to Book

Please book your place for this course through our secure Online Store, using debit or credit card, following the instructions below:

1. Visit our Online Store at: <http://store.leeds.ac.uk>
2. Select Conferences and Events in the left-hand navigation bar and 'CPD Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences'
3. Select the relevant course, click on 'Book Event' and complete your booking details

You will receive an automatic confirmation email within 24 hours of your booking.

## Get in touch

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## Terms and conditions for booking

### Payment

Payment by debit/credit card should be made at the time of booking via the Online Store. If for exceptional reasons you are unable to book and pay online a purchase order document will be required to support a manual booking process. Our standard payment terms are 30 days from date of invoice however payment must be made prior to attendance. Attendance may be refused if payment has not been received.

### Changes made by the University of Leeds

The course programme may have to be re-scheduled or the speakers changed for reasons outside our control. The University of Leeds reserves the right to cancel or postpone a course, in which case fees will be refunded in full. In the event of cancellation, the University will not be held liable for delegates' travel or accommodation expenses.

### Where a delegate cancels a registration

For cancellations made within seven days of booking: a full refund is payable unless the course starts within the next seven days, in which case the full fee is payable and no refunds will be made.

For cancellations made after seven days of booking: written cancellations received up to 15 working days before the course will be subject to an administrative charge of 20% of the total fee. Within 15 working days of the course the full fee is payable and no refunds will be made.

For non-attendance: the full fee is payable and no refunds will be made. Appropriate course materials will be sent to the registered delegate.

In the event of cancellation, the University will not be held liable for or refund any incurred travel or accommodation expenses. Substitutions may be made at any time.

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