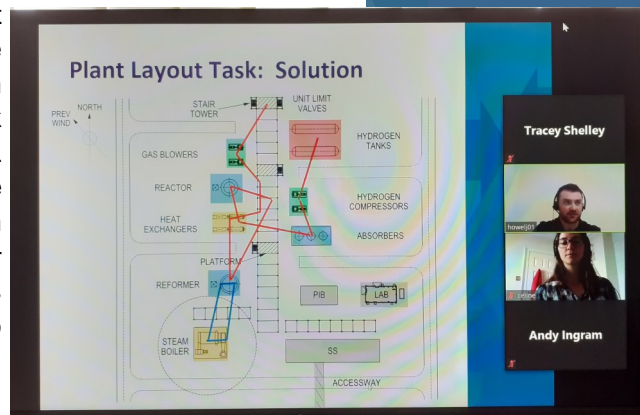


BCECA Office Lease

You might be surprised to learn that it is more than four years since BCECA moved into its current office in Camelford House. The original lease term expired on 15 April this year and, prior to lockdown, BCECA had agreed a new five-year lease arrangement with its landlord, the EIC, with very similar terms to the initial lease. However, the Covid-19 lockdown enforced a rapid change in the way that BCECA needed to operate in order to continue to run its committee meetings. Consequently, since mid-March, all BCECA committees have met virtually, either by Zoom or MS Teams, and have seen an increase in the number of Member company representatives participating. In recognition of the increased attendance, the BCECA Council agreed that virtual committee meetings should become a key part of BCECA's normal mode of operation going forwards. BCECA, therefore, re-opened negotiations with the EIC to agree a new lease arrangement for a smaller office space without the 34 meeting room hires, which significantly reduced the cost. It is anticipated that once the Covid restrictions are no longer in place, each BCECA committee will physically meet just once a year, with all other meetings continuing virtually, so meeting rooms will be hired on an as required basis.

Virtual Industry Days

Throughout the summer, a small working group of BCECA Young Engineers was extremely busy devising a brand new 90-minute Introductory Industry Day event that could be delivered virtually to the universities during the 2020/21 academic year, thus maintaining this vital link with the universities during this Covid period that has dictated virtual learning only. The new online event, delivered by two BCECA facilitators, provides an overview of BCECA, its Members and the industry before introducing a plant layout activity for the students to complete online individually. The event is concluded with a short Q&A session, via the chat facility. Six pilot events at three universities have been arranged to test this new virtual event and its materials. The first two of these pilot events were held on 29 September with Birmingham University, with more than 160 students participating. Excellent feedback was received from the students and university alike. UCL will host two events on 1 October, followed by two more with Southbank University on 7 October. It is then planned that the virtual event will be rolled out to all other universities that usually engage with the Industry Days programme. This shortened online event should also enable BCECA to reach many more universities as well as different engineering disciplines.



Forthcoming Online BCECA Meetings

6th Oct	Commercial Managers	5th Nov	Process Managers
13th Oct	AGM/ Council	10th Nov	Project Control Managers
20th Oct	Information Managers	17th Nov	Supply Chain Managers
22nd Oct	Engineering Managers	26th Nov	HR Managers