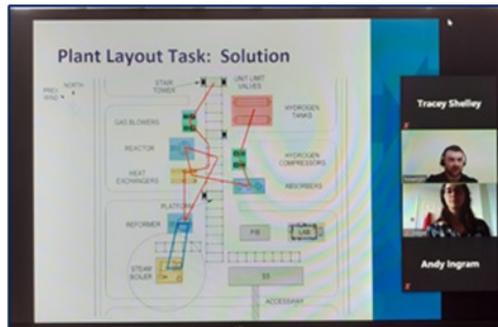
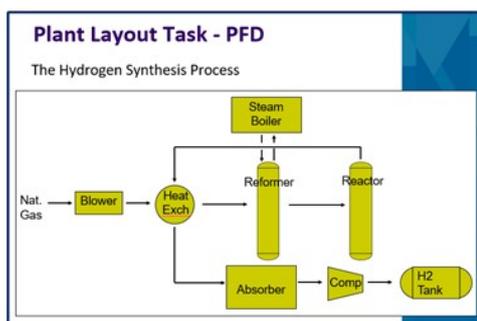


### Virtual Industry Days

For many years, BCECA has run a programme of Industry Day events within UK university chemical engineering departments. These provide students with an insight into the engineering contracting industry and introduce them to the BCECA Member companies as potential future employers. Our Member companies are world leaders in project management, engineering and construction for the process and energy Industries. From embryonic technology studies to the execution of some of the largest and most intricate offshore installations and onshore complexes in the world, UK based engineers and technicians provide optimal solutions and innovative technologies to meet some of the world's biggest energy and process plant construction challenges.

The BCECA Industry Day event is a combination of presentations, group exercises and Q&A sessions delivered by representatives from BCECA Member companies. Throughout the day, they take the university students through the lifecycle of a typical EPC (Engineering Procurement and Construction) project, from Bidding through to Commissioning. The events have always provided a great opportunity for university students to interact with engineers and gain an insight into the day-to-day work that they perform, as well as help the students with recruitment and general careers advice. The students benefit greatly from hearing the facilitators' personal experiences and anecdotes, none of which can be found in any textbook or lecture.



In the early summer of 2020, it became apparent that with the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, it was not going to be possible to deliver the traditional BCECA Industry Day events in universities during the 2020-21 academic year. Consequently, throughout the summer of 2020, a small working group of BCECA Young Engineers set about devising a brand new 90-minute Introductory Industry Day event that could be delivered virtually to the university students, ensuring that this vital link between BCECA and the universities could be maintained. The new online event, delivered remotely by just two BCECA Member company 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, which offers the students the chance to ask any questions about the industry, career opportunities and personal experiences.

Throughout the course of the 2020-21 academic year, 30 BCECA representatives from seven different member companies delivered a total of 15 virtual events to approximately 1000 students across nine universities: Bath; Birmingham; Hull; Manchester; Nottingham; Southbank; Strathclyde; Surrey and UCL. Overwhelmingly positive feedback was received from the students, universities and facilitators alike, with requests for this type of virtual event to be offered in the future, along with the traditional day-long face-to-face event.

BCECA is now in the process of planning the programme of Industry Day events for the 2021-22 academic year. If you would like to get involved as a BCECA Member company facilitator or are a university interested in participating in the programme, please contact BCECA for more information: [admin@bceca.org.uk](mailto:admin@bceca.org.uk)