

## BDS Mentoring Initiative for Dam Professionals

The British Dam Society has recently put into a place a mentoring initiative with the objective of supporting our current and future dam professionals. The initiative is being managed by the Young Professionals (YP) committee, however, it is open to BDS members of any age or discipline.

### Why join?

The BDS mentoring initiative can help you achieve your goals within the dam/reservoir engineering field, be that to improve your knowledge regarding the design, operation, and maintenance of dams or develop the necessary skills to become a Qualified Civil Engineer (QCE) under the relevant Reservoirs legislation in your area.

### Support to become a Qualified Civil Engineer

The initiative will offer guidance and support to engineers looking to be appointed to one of the QCE panels under the relevant reservoirs legislation. Regular workshops and information session will be held to give you the support needed to complete your application form.

The scheme will make available to its members the opportunity to shadow QCEs as they carry out their duties under the relevant legislation, including statutory examinations and inspections.

### Open to all

The scheme is not limited to those seeking appointment to a QCE panel. Any professional looking to develop their skills and competencies within the operation, maintenance, and design of dams and reservoirs are welcome, across the full spectrum of disciplines within the industry.

### How does it work?

A simple registration form can be requested from [mentoring@britishdams.org](mailto:mentoring@britishdams.org), and once received each applicant will be reviewed by the Young Professionals committee and assigned to a group of likeminded individuals in their geographic region. This group will comprise of mentors from the relevant panels as well as other developing engineers in the same region as the applicant.

A calendar of events will be available for developing engineers to attend, including the dates of any upcoming examinations and inspections with the mentors. Requests for presentations and workshops on specific topics can be sent to the YP Mentor Champion (currently Jordan Langbridge), who will look to arrange these.



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### Let's get started

- Contact Jordan Langbridge ([mentoring@britishdams.org](mailto:mentoring@britishdams.org)) and request a registration form or further information
- Complete the form and return to the mentoring email address
- Receive confirmation of mentor group and current calendar of events

As this is the first influx of developing engineers, please can all prospective applicants complete and return their forms by the **31<sup>st</sup> October 2018** to allow the committee to assess numbers.