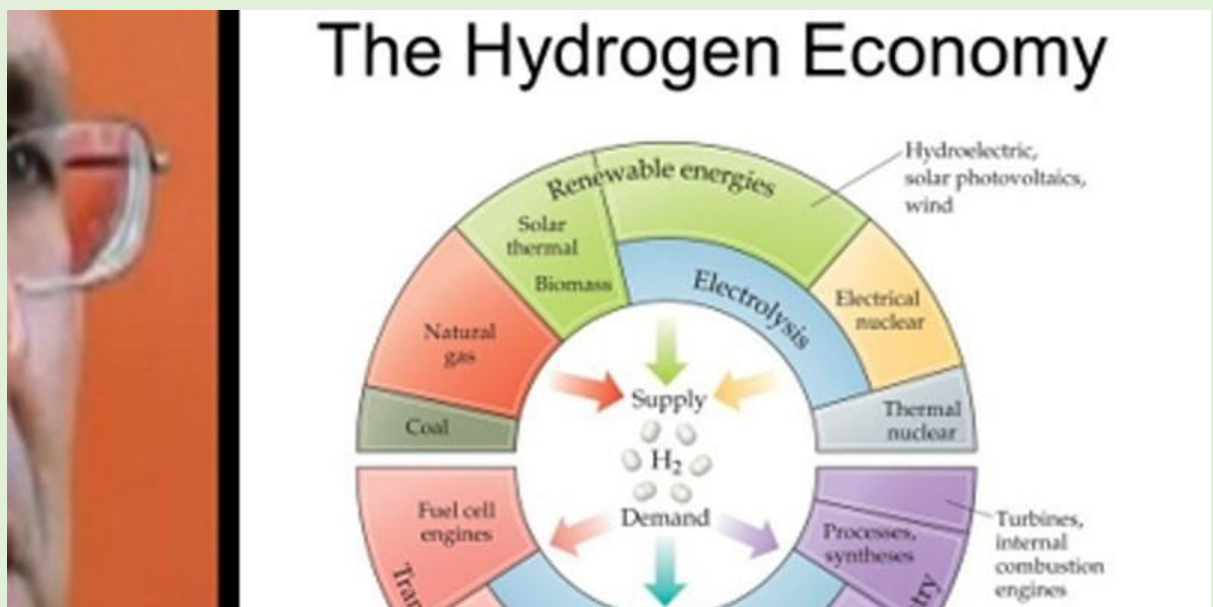


# The City of London and the Hydrogen Revolution



My word how things have moved on. It's not always been a smooth ride but here's a look back to World Hydrogen Day in the City of London back in 2021...

Penning 'Business Opportunities for the Hydrogen Economy', a course for the DIT and Chambers of Commerce early last year, I little realised just how quickly the idea would gain traction.



Today entrepreneurial spirit was evident in the City of London and the Insurance Sector as I was able to kick off World Hydrogen Day with a most enjoyable session moderating a panel of financial experts as they look to ensure maximal engagement for London in a sector undergoing a quantum leap forward.



The insurance industry faced daunting challenges in the 1970s when a nascent oil and gas industry was being proposed for the UK and the success and experience gained there is transferable to the new UK and Global Hydrogen Economies. The opportunity, we heard, is there to be seized and the City of London can drive the sector and show global leadership.



Today's Bishopsgate session blurb proclaimed:

'New Kids on the Block – Hydrogen Revolution

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 <b>Energy Insurance London</b> 8 October 2021 in association with <b>HALL MAINES LUGRIN</b>	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	
(All times are in British Summer Time - BST)	
07.45-09.00	<i>Registration sponsored by International General Insurance</i>
08.00-08.50	<b>Pre-Conference Focus Session: New Kids on the Block – Hydrogen Revolution</b> Renewables may be the fastest growing energy industry, but hydrogen is following closely behind. Is the insurance market ready for an increase in demand for insurance for construction of and operation of plants for hydrogen production? Moderator: <b>Charley Rattan</b> , Chief Executive Officer, <i>Rattan and Associates</i> Panellists: <b>Andrew Herring</b> , Chief Executive Officer, Energy and Power, <i>Marsh Specialty</i> <b>Andrew Threadgold</b> , Executive Director, <i>Price Forbes &amp; Partners Ltd</i> <b>Michel Krenzer</b> , Global Leader – Onshore Energy, <i>SCOR</i>
08.55-09.00	<b>Welcome Address</b> Presenter: <b>Daniel Creasey</b> , Managing Director, <i>Cannon Events Ltd</i>
09.00-10.00	<b>Panel Discussion: Sustainability Update</b> An Update on the Joint Rig Committee's latest thoughts on sustainability initiatives.

It's so good to be back in person and, as at the World Hydrogen Congress a short hop across the water in Amsterdam earlier in the week I was delighted to

see hundreds of professionals in front of me in the City of London, with, according to the organisers, hundreds more following proceedings online.

My particular thanks to the panelists who showed agility of mind and helped make it such an interactive session, with questions coming in thick and fast:

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My favourite question was possibly the final issue we addressed 'Is there a moral obligation for insurers to support hydrogen and the energy transition' with some emphatic and heartening answers emanating from the assembled experts.





If you would like to help drive the Hydrogen Revolution forwards feel free to join me and finance leaders at the [Finance for the Green Economy](#)

