

# Renewables needs more people – and now is the perfect time to get them

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- As demand for solar plant maintenance looks set to double, renewables firms need to replicate climate change action outcry to get more people into energy

With Wood Mackenzie revealing that the annual cost of operating and maintaining solar energy plants is set to double

(<https://www.chron.com/business/energy/article/More-solar-means-more-maintenance-costs-study-14502138.php>)

in the next five years, global energy recruitment expert, Samuel Knight International

(<https://samuel-knight.com/>), has warned that there's simply not enough people ready to deliver this.

According to the firm, the gap between supply and demand for solar and other renewable energy experts is increasing at an alarming rate, putting future projects at risk. While a sustainable source of talent needs to be developed for the long term, the energy hiring specialists has called on employers across the specialism to match the global outcry for climate change action to demonstrate to the wider public why energy needs more people.

Lara Anton, Renewable Energy Consultant at Samuel Knight International commented:

"There's a real global shortage of available solar energy experts and we're noticing a vast increase in the skills gap in solar. While we're working with professionals across the world to attract and entice them into the many exciting opportunities across the States, this alone isn't sustainable. Just as there are global calls for more renewable energy options for consumers, so to should there be worldwide outcry at the lack of people working in solar and other sustainable energy sources."

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