

VISIT INFORMATION

Vale Europe Limited

Start / Finish	9:45 - 15:30
Company:	Vale Europe Limited
Full Address:	Clydach Refinery, Clydach, Swansea, SA6 5QR
Key Contact:	Peter Martin
Website:	www.vale.com
Agenda:	09.45 Arrival & Refreshments 10.00 Welcome & Introductions 10.30 Overview of the Refinery CI Journey 11.15 Refreshment Break 11.30 Corporate Social Responsibility 12.30 Lunch 13.15 Site Tour (Gemba) 14.45 Question & Answer Session 15.30 Close & Depart

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The Vale Clydach Refinery located near Swansea in South Wales, is one of Europe's largest nickel refineries, producing high purity nickel pellet and powder products for specialist applications such as high nickel alloys, batteries, nickel plating and automotive components.

They supply over 280 customers in over 30 countries worldwide (Europe, Asia and USA). Their Continuous Improvement (CI) approach has been based around specific tools: Standard Work, 5S, TPM, OEE, QCO and Six Sigma.

Key to their success has been engaging their employees to contribute improvement ideas and participate in their implementation.

The site is justly proud of their environmental record and will share with visitor's key initiatives and the results they have achieved.

Continuous Improvement Journey to Shingo Silver medallion win

The site has been on a CI & Operational Excellence journey since 2008 and are proud of their achievements. Employees have been trained in CI tools such as problem solving and are encouraged to apply this learning in their work team. Key to their success has been engaging their employees to contribute improvement ideas and participate in their implementation. The visit will be an opportunity for them to share these experiences and what they have learnt along the way, through to being awarded the Shingo Silver medallion for Operational Excellence in January 2014.

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PPE:	Please bring Safety Shoes.
TRAVEL:	Nearest Train Station: Swansea or Llansamlet
HOTELS:	Mercure Swansea - 0844 815 9081 Premier Inn, Swansea North - 0871 527 9062 Holiday Inn Express Swansea East - 0871 902 1630
PARKING:	Available onsite or across the road.

ABOUT ONSITE INSIGHTS

- The program exists to encourage the sharing of innovation and best practice between organisations.
- It achieves this through a series of one day visits to organisations - No theory, no text books, just what works and why.
- Established in 1983 by the Department of Trade & Industry as a program to encourage the sharing of ideas between organisations; it became a commercial enterprise in 2004 under the name Onsite Insights. Onsite Insights joined S A Partners in 2018.

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