

### Staying up to standard within the wind industry

A new standard for the global wind industry was announced by the members of the GWO stating that from 31st March 2018 Technicians need to have a valid GWO BTT certificate in order to work on their turbines. BTT courses for this certificate can be gained through certified GWO Training Providers, such as [nut splitters](#) retailer, HTL Group.

The demand for basic technical training within the wind industry led to the development of HTL Group's course. The GWO BTT covers 3 modules focusing on Hydraulic, Mechanical and Electrical technical elements. The course is designed for all Technicians who are involved in the installation, service, and maintenance of wind turbine generators and wind power plants; the BTT focuses on delegates who have no previous mechanical, hydraulic, and electrical experience and also those who wish to upskill and have some knowledge of these areas.

Global Training Providers have received the need for the GWO BTT Standard positively. Bob Fogerty, Group Technical Director comments:

“The introduction of the GWO BTT at our Cramlington Training Centre was a necessity for HTL. We recognise the demands placed on Technicians and GWO members and we want to use our technical capabilities to continue to support the Wind Industry as much as possible.

The feedback from delegates attending our GWO BTT courses has been extremely positive. This reinforces HTL's objective and capability to deliver a quality service in a first class training environment.”

The GWO BTT course was developed from a wealth of risk assessment results, accident data and statistics. The course will enable delegates to be able to perform basic hydraulic, mechanical and electrical tasks under supervision of an experienced technician.