



**Tony Quinn**

**Test & Validation Director, ORE Catapult**

In his role as Test & Validation Director at ORE Catapult, Tony leads a team of over 70 with a broad set of skills, ranging from technical apprentices to professional engineers who are experts in their chosen field. He is a strong advocate of the validation process which is equally important to small scale disruptive innovators as it is to OEM's in their quest to bring new products to market.

Tony is equally passionate about the skills agenda and is actively involved in ensuring education providers are fully attuned to the new job opportunities presented by our transition to a low carbon economy.

Tony has almost 40 years' experience in the field of power generation starting his career on the largest coal fired power station in Europe, witnessing first hand our conversion to gas fired combined cycle plant and more recently earning his renewables credentials by overseeing the Catapult's investment in the world's largest wind turbine test facilities.

Tony is a Fellow of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and is Chair of its Renewable Power Committee. He sits on the steering group for Energy Central with the aim of regenerating the area in and around the Port of Blyth. He is also a Trustee of a local charity helping provide relevant skills to those not currently in education or employment. As an Enterprise Adviser he works closely with a local secondary school ensuring that as far as possible every student is provided a meaningful careers engagement with a local employer.