The second event run by SUT YES! (Young Engineers and Scientists): ‘Subsea Pathways’, was a career discussion panel and networking event which took the Melbourne Hotel (Perth) by storm.

The room was packed with more than 80 energetic and eager young professionals and students, focussed intently on the experienced and well-travelled panel. Eyes and ears on the presenters, all were keen to unlock the secrets to success, to discover the tools to building a solid foundation in the subsea industry and learn about the message of perseverance and adventure in reaching the stars through an array of charming anecdotes.

Harry Mackay (Subsea Project Teamleader, Woodside Energy Ltd.), Chris Saunders, (WGIM Business Manager – Perth, Wood Group Kenny) and Elizabeth Tellier (General Manager, 2H Offshore Pty. Ltd.) sat on this select panel, giving their personal opinions gained during their diverse positions within the industry. Each with very different career routes and amazing perspective on career pathways, all presented a series of high impact and often moving recollections, collaborating and bouncing of each other’s answers.

Our well-dressed Session Chairs, Matthew Blumberg and Matthew Davis, steered the evening with perfect pace and provoked meaningful and diverse discussion from the audience. Questions were thoughtful and opened up a breadth of ideas for attendees seeking to build a subsea career to consider. Time passed with the audience so engaged that the questions had to eventually be sequestered and tabled to open the room to the networking part of the evening. Young Engineers and Scientists, undergraduates and seasoned veterans rubbed elbows, shared industry discussions and enjoyed a few laughs over a few drinks and snacks thanks to our sponsors: Curtin University and Subsea Engineering Associates.

Thanks to all involved and we look forward to continuing our collaboration, networking and knowledge sharing for the collective benefit of the young in the subsea industry.

Stay tuned for our development panel and networking function in March 2014.