

# SUT YES! Leadership Night 2018 – Mike Utsler

## Report on YES! Event

UWA Indian Ocean Marine Research Centre, Perth, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018

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On 15<sup>th</sup> May, the SUT YES! Committee hosted a leadership night with Mike Utsler as the keynote speaker. The sold out event had 120 attendees, which reached the capacity of IOMRC's wood lined auditorium.

Mike gave a passionate address on leadership, tailored to the crowd of young subsea professionals and students. The three part conversation started with a reflection on the history of oil and gas, the importance of petroleum to society, and the important role the subsea industry will have as subsea production ramps up to be 30% of oil and gas production across the globe.

The second part had Mike talking about his position as the incident commander of BP's Deepwater Horizon spill response, reflecting on the key lessons surrounding leadership. Mike provided examples of accelerated innovation used in the spill response, detailing how thousands of ideas from across the globe, were turned into reality and ultimately benefited the spill response. Mike also touched on a number of personal stories from the vast array of stakeholders he engaged with during the response.

The third and final part of the discussion provided a summary of Mike's most useful leadership insights and tips; and was followed up with an audience Q&A. Following the presentation, the majority of the crowd stayed to enjoy networking and food. In the end Mike was one of the last people to leave, staying well into the evening to answer questions and engage with the crowd.

A big thanks to our event sponsor Siem Offshore; and our two YES! Annual Sponsors, Quadrant Energy and Woodside Energy.

The YES! Committee members are looking forward to seeing everyone at our next YES! event – a Quiz night on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018!



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