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#### **Itunu Allison**

Itunu is a dedicated Chartered environmental practitioner with 19 years' experience providing compliant and pragmatic advice to private and public sector clients on a wide range of environmental permitting projects in sectors such as utilities, fast moving consumer goods (FMCG), port infrastructure and oil and gas. She is currently a Principal Environmental Consultant with CARES Group where, based in their Nigeria office, she oversees environmental projects and activities in Nigeria and Tanzania.

As the pioneer Environmental Manager for Tetra Pak West Africa, she worked closely with potential local recyclers in Nigeria and Ghana to develop and facilitate beverage carton recycling in West Africa. She successfully introduced beverage carton recycling to Nigeria which resulted in her winning an Innovation Excellence Award at Tetra Pak.

She began her environmental career as a Technical Standards Analyst at Wessex Water UK where, using a carbon accounting tool, she was part of a team that successfully incorporated sustainable measures into technical design standards for water and wastewater treatment processes, ensuring compliance with applicable engineering standards and sustainability guidelines. She is hoping to work collaboratively within the IES to promote inclusivity particularly from practitioners from Africa.



#### **Bernard Devereux**

Bernard is a Life Fellow at Hughes Hall, University of Cambridge, and an environmental scientist with over 30 years' experience of teaching and research. He was founding Director of the Cambridge Unit for Landscape Modelling and initiating Director of the MPhil in GIS and Remote Sensing. He has supervised c100 successful PhD and Master's candidates including many mature and students from the Global South who now play leading environmental roles in government and NGOs.

Bernard's research has contributed to the development of novel technologies, including airborne laser-scanning methods for 'seeing through trees' which have revolutionised the world-wide discovery and mapping of archaeology under forest canopies. He has published widely and contributed to radio and television programmes in the UK and Europe. He has forged strong links with industry acting as consultant on major projects to a variety of organisations including DP World, Harwich Haven Port Authority, the Forestry Commission, Environment Agency, European Union, and national and local governments.

Bernard was elected to the IES Council in 2022 and became the IES Chair in 2024. He is standing for a second term of 2 years to see out his term in office as Chair of Council.

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### **Ed Hill CBE**



Ed was the CEO of the National Oceanography Centre (NOC), until he retired in 2024. His research background is in physical oceanography, specialising in the circulation of continental shelf seas. Ed has an MSc and PhD in Oceanography from Bangor University and an Applied Mathematics BSc from the University of Sheffield where he was also awarded an Honorary DSc in 2011. He is an Honorary Professor at Bangor University.

Prof. Hill served on numerous national and international advisory bodies, including International Steering Group of the Global Climate Observing System, the European Marine Board, the cross-Government UK Marine Science Coordination Committee, the Governing Board of the National Partnership for Ocean Prediction, and was the Head of UK Delegation at the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO. Ed chairs the Standing Advisory Committee for Ocean Networks Canada for the Canadian Foundation for Innovation and is a Trustee of the IMarEST. In 2019, Ed led the NOC from being part of the Natural Environment Research Council to an independent charitable organisation. He contributes to the IES' Marine & Coastal Community and guest edited the journal on the Decade of Ocean Science. He was elected to the IES Council in 2022 and is standing for a second term. He also Chairs the IES's Audit & Risk Committee. Ed was appointed a CBE in 2020 for services to environmental sciences.



### **Roisin Lindsay**

Roisin is a Chartered Environmentalist with 14 years' experience in environmental consultancy covering soil resource, hydrogeology, contaminated land, and regeneration throughout the UK, Europe and Middle East. Her experience covers a range of sectors including Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects, Environmental (& Social) Impact Assessments, energy, rail, infrastructure, utilities and, commercial and industrial sectors.

She has an MSc in Environmental Hydrogeology, a BSc (Hons) in Archaeology & Palaeoecology and more recently a PG Dip in Regenerative Food, Farming and Enterprise. Roisin started her career within a multi-disciplinary engineering consultancy focussed on hydrogeology in the contaminated land sector before shifting her focus to technical specialist lead for EIAs and championing the importance of soils in our natural and built environments.

Roisin was also a contributing author to the Society of Brownfield Risk Assessment's (SoBRA) Guidance on Assessing Risk to Controlled Waters from UK Land Contamination Under Conditions of Future Climate Change, Aug 2022. She is the Honorary and International Secretary for the Speleological Union of Ireland, an organisation which promotes cave exploration, science and conservation within Ireland and internationally. Roisin is excited to work collaboratively with the IES to support the interdisciplinary focus and deliver the goals of the IES's strategy.

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#### Jemma Lonsdale

Jemma is a Chartered Scientist with over 14 years' experience advising on sustainable developments within the marine environment. She leads the delivery, and technical reviews of environmental assessments. She works across a wide range of UK and international projects and legislative frameworks.

Jemma started her career as an Advisor at the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science where, alongside research and development, her role was to provide advice to English and Welsh regulators and policy makers on developments in the marine sector. In this role, she progressed to being the Lead Regulatory Advisor for England and Wales and represented the UK at OSPAR and the London Convention/London Protocol. In 2023, Jemma moved to consultancy, briefly focussed on offshore renewables and most recently, on coastal developments. Her role gives her the opportunity to apply her knowledge and expertise to the terrestrial landscape and work across the land-sea interface. She works with industry and government departments to offer viable, sustainable solutions to real world problems.

Her passion is supporting others in developing their skills in Environmental Impact Assessment and management work areas. She is interested in working with the IES to support development across the membership.



#### **Grace Rachid**

Grace is an environmental professional with 20 years' experience in the realm of environmental and sustainability management, governance, policy and science. Grace is currently the Environmental Manager at Bechtel where she provides environmental leadership to Spine Projects, supporting on environmental and sustainability aspects, leading the delivery of environmental management plans, and is accountable for environmental assurance and compliance during the design and construction phases. She has acted as regulator, advised local governments, and managed projects

with local and international organisations, in addition to experience in the construction industry.

Throughout her career, Grace has supported the Lebanese government in environmental management and the development and implementation of safeguards for the sustainable undertaking of offshore petroleum activities, consulted for the UNESCO MAB on the development of a specialised model and toolkit to evaluate the management effectiveness in Biosphere Reserves, and managed numerous internationally funded projects while also serving as associate on multiple consultancy firms.

Grace holds a PhD in Environmental and Water Resources Engineering, is a qualified Envision Sustainability Professional and a 14001 ISO Lead Auditor. She is also a published researcher with publications addressing environmental assessment and management and environmental governance and sustainability.

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### **Brigette Reid**

Brigette is an internationally recognised Sustainable Finance and Nature Expert, with over 15 years' experience working across environmental consultancy, finance and space technology. She specialises in assisting organisations to strategically identify, manage, and report their environmental and social impacts, risks and opportunities. She is Director of two environmental consultancies that enable the finance sector to embed sustainability and science into everyday decision-making, redirecting

financial flows away from harmful activities towards environmentally positive investments.

She has been appointed as a Green Finance expert by the UK Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy and has previously been recognised as Female Ag-tech founder of the year. She is considered a thought leader having presented at global conferences such as Biodiversity COP16 and New York Climate Week on her current focus; leveraging space technology to develop innovative solutions that help financial institutions manage climate and nature-related risks and capitalise on their opportunities.

Brigette holds a BSc in Environmental Science, an MSc in Environments, and is a Certified Advisory Board Chair. She has been an active member of the IES since 2016, and most recently she has been a member of the Climate Action Community Steering Group, contributing to several IES webinars.



### **James Tough**

James has over 25 years' experience of environmental and sustainability management and the implementation of effective solutions across a wide range of high integrity, high value, complex and critical engineering projects in the nuclear, renewable energy and defence sectors. James has an MSc in Environmental Decision Making and a BSc (Hons) in Environmental Modelling and Monitoring. James is the Lead Environmental Management Consultant for the Springfields Low Level Radioactive Smelter and the Uranium Reprocessing facility currently under development. Concurrent to this

James is currently active as a consultant for Battery Energy Storage System installations for numerous Developers and Planners around the UK. In this role James uses his expertise and experience across a variety of areas, including ecology, landscape, noise, flood risk assessment, and Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG).

James was formally a member of the Ministry of Defence (MoD) Sustainability Working Group culminating in the co-authoring of the MoD Sustainability Roadmap, a tool used by the MoD as they transit to becoming a carbon neutral entity.

James has been a member of the IES since 2005 and is an IES reviewer on the Application Review and Chartered Scientist Panels. This provides valuable insight into the mix of specialist domains across the environmental spectrum.