

# Public Health and Climate Change

Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> – Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022

## Participants' Biographies



### **Ms Nicky Amos**

Nicky has a degree in geography and geology, and after starting work in the City, financing oil and gas projects, spent most of her career working in international banking in the far east. She is a fellow of the Royal Geographic Society.

The Women's Institute is a federated charity with a membership of nearly 200,000 whose objects include educating women and campaigning on behalf of women and their families.

Each WI campaign is suggested by a WI member and as Chair of the Public Affairs Committee, and assisted by a team of five Public Affairs staff, Nicky's role is to engage members and encourage active participation in each of these campaigns.



### **Mr Andrew Barnett OBE**

Andrew is an advocate for cross-sector collaboration to address complex social problems, which builds on a career in philanthropy and policy development, which prioritises the role of the public in decision-making. He was for fifteen years director of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation in the UK, which helped address a major cause of ill health in later life by establishing the Campaign to End Loneliness. He has helped found a number of ventures promoting social innovation and collaboration and led the Foundation's strategy to address climate change by engaging the public in policy and action. He is currently working with a coalition of NGOs partnering with the Business Department to develop a national framework for public engagement. He is chair of trustees of the Church Urban Fund and has served in a non-executive capacity in a range of organisations including as the senior independent member of Healthwatch England.



### **Mr Craig Bennett**

Craig started as Chief Executive of The Wildlife Trusts in April 2020, with the ambition of putting a third of the UK's land and sea into nature recovery by 2030.

He has been described as "one of the country's top environmental campaigners", by The Guardian as ["the very model of a modern eco-general"](#) and has been listed as one of the UK's top "social media CEOs".

Craig was previously CEO of [Friends of the Earth](#) where he refocused the organisation on its unique role of empowering communities to take action to tackle the climate and ecological crisis. This resulted in a step-change in the scale and impact of the movement with over 200 new Friends of the Earth community groups set up during his tenure. Craig led Friends of the Earth to numerous campaign victories including on bees, fracking and against the expansion of Heathrow Airport.

Earlier in his career, Craig was Deputy Director at [The University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership \(CISL\)](#), and Director of The Prince of Wales's [Corporate Leaders Group](#) on Climate Change (from 2007 to 2010).

Craig has twenty years' experience of designing and contributing to executive education and leadership programmes at numerous universities and business schools including the Judge Business School, London Business School, and Duke CE.

He is Honorary Professor of Sustainability and Innovation at [Alliance Manchester Business School](#), an Associate Fellow of [Homerton College \(Cambridge\)](#), a Senior Associate of [The Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership](#), and a Policy Fellow of The [Centre for Science and Policy](#) at The University of Cambridge.

He has a BSc (Hons) in Human and Physical Geography from The University of Reading and an MSc in Biodiversity Conservation from University College London, and Honorary Doctoral degrees from University College of Estate Management (UCEM), and Anglian Ruskin University (ARU).

He is also a judge on The Wainwright Book Prize, a Trustee of the think-tank Green Alliance. and an Honorary Fellow, Chartered Institute of Water and Environmental Management. He regularly appears in the print and broadcast media.



### **Mr Tom Burke CBE**

Tom is the Chairman of E3G, Third Generation Environmentalism, and a Visiting Professor at both Imperial and University Colleges, London. He is a Senior Associate at the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership. He is Chairman of the China Dialogue Trust and a Trustee of Black-E Community Arts Project, Liverpool.

He was Environmental Policy Advisor to Rio Tinto plc (part time) 1996 - 2016 and served as Senior Advisor to the Foreign Secretary's Special Representative on Climate Change from 2006-12. He was an environmental advisor (part time) to BP plc from 1997-2001. He was appointed by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland to chair an Independent Review of Environmental Governance in Northern Ireland from 2006-7. He was a member of the Council of English Nature, the statutory advisor to the British Government on biodiversity from 1999-

2005. During 2002 he served as an advisor to the Central Policy Group in the Deputy Prime Minister's Office. He was Special Adviser to three Secretaries of State for the Environment from 1991-97 after serving as Director of the Green Alliance from 1982-1991.

He was a Trustee of the Green Alliance from 1979 – 1991 and 1997 – 2016. He served on the London Sustainable Development Commission from 2002-5 and chaired the Editorial Board of ENDS magazine from 2004-10. He was a member of the OECD's High-Level Panel on the Environment 1996-98. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and was a member of the Council from 1990-92 sitting on its Environment Committee 1988-96. He also served on the Executive Committee of the National Council of Voluntary Organisations from 1984-89. He was a Visiting Fellow at the Cranfield Institute of Management and a Senior Visiting Fellow at Manchester Business School.

He was formerly Executive Director of Friends of the Earth and a member of the Executive Committee of the European Environmental Bureau 1988-91. He was the Secretary-General of the Bergen 1990 Environment NGO Conference 1988-90. He was a member of the Board of the World Energy Council's Commission 'Energy for Tomorrow's World' 1990-93. In 2007 he was elected a Fellow of the Energy Institute. In 2010 he was elected an Honorary Fellow of the Society for the Environment. He is a Patron of the United Kingdom Environmental Law Association. He is Chairman of the Advisory Council of Earth Capital Partners and a member of the Advisory Board of Glenmont LLP.

In 1993 he was appointed to United Nations Environment Programme's 'Global 500' roll of honour. In 1997, he was appointed CBE for services to the environment. He was awarded Royal Humane Society testimonials on Vellum (1967) and Parchment (1970).



### **Mr Conleth Burns**

Conleth is a UK Associate with More in Common - an organisation which works to build more united societies where people feel that they have more in common than what divides them. In recent years, More in Common has carried out ground-breaking segmentation research in the UK, US, Germany and France. In the UK, this research forms the foundation for 'Britain Talks Climate' which is driving strategy change across the climate sector from grassroots campaigning organisations to national institutions. More in Common is currently conducting extensive public opinion research in six European countries post-COP26. Conleth is a law graduate from the University of Oxford and is based in Northern Ireland.



### **Professor Mike Clarke**

Mike catalyses collective impact for planetary health, building bridges across nature, climate, health and food sectors. He provides strategic advice to civil society, business, and government with a focus on global system-change and social cohesion, developing shared strategy among systems leaders and building capacity for collaboration. He is a trustee of the Together Coalition, a UK social cohesion charity, and Chair of the Global Science and Policy Committee of BirdLife International. Until 2019, he was CEO of the RSPB, the largest civil society organisation for nature in Europe, and played an active role in The Climate Coalition. He is a Visiting Professor at University of Southampton's School of Geography and Environmental Sciences and is an Associate of the Institute for European Environmental Policy.



### **Dr Alison Doig**

Alison has worked for more than 25 years in the international development and environment sectors, with specialisation in climate policy and clean energy. She is an experienced and effective policy expert and advocate, including prioritising health in climate negotiations, climate action in the SDGs and a shift towards investment in low-carbon energy for all. She works through collaboration and network building, and is passionate about enhancing inclusion and diverse voices, particularly from the global south, in international decision making.



### **Poppy Facer**

Poppy is a Senior Policy Officer at the Wellcome Trust, a global charitable foundation taking on three urgent health challenges facing everyone: Infectious Disease, Mental Health and Climate Change and Health. Previously, Poppy worked in Wellcome's Vaccine's Priority Area where she led policy and advocacy work to launch and secure commitments to a new global strategy for more resilient, equitable and accessible immunisation systems. Most recently, Poppy has been focused on providing policy support for Wellcome's delegation to COP26 and scoping the key political and policy challenges and opportunities for achieving progress on climate action that also improves health.



### **Dr Andrew Goddard**

Andrew has been president of the Royal College of Physicians since 2018 and works clinically at the Royal Derby Hospital as a consultant physician and gastroenterologist. His main interests in his RCP career have been workforce, medical generalism, digital medicine, wellbeing, sustainability and global health. He is a strong proponent of active transport, a greener NHS through virtual technology and a more sustainable RCP. He was responsible for the RCP divesting from fossil fuels and has ensured that climate change features prominently in the RCP strategy for the next three years.



### **Dr Fiona Godlee**

Fiona Godlee is a medical editor, writer, speaker and convenor, now focussing on efforts to combat and respond to climate change. She served as editor in chief of The BMJ from 2005 to 2021. She is a Trustee of the Eden Project and chair of the Youth Environmental Service. She helped to establish, and is an ambassador for, the UK Health Alliance on Climate Change.



### **Professor Liz Grant MA PhD, FRSE, FRCPE, MFPH**

Liz is Professor of Global Health and Development, Director of the University's [Global Health Academy](#) and Co-Director of the [Global Compassion Initiative](#). Her research spans planetary health and palliative care in contexts of poverty and conflict; and compassion as a value base of the SDGs and a potential asset in facilitating joined up responses to the climate crisis.

Liz sits on the Scottish Government NHS Global Citizenship Board, and is a Steering Group member for Health Information for All. She coordinates the Global Health PhD programme for students from resource-constrained countries, and directs the Global Health Challenges Certificate and Masters of Family Medicine.



### **Mr Tom Harrison**

Tom is Senior Policy Officer at the Wellcome Trust, a global charitable foundation taking on three urgent health challenges facing everyone: Infectious Disease, Mental Health and Climate Change and Health. He is currently focused on understanding the political landscape surrounding climate and health and was part of the team that supported Wellcome's delegation to COP26 in Glasgow. Prior to Wellcome, Tom held a number of research and policy roles at MS Society UK and the Royal Society of Arts.



### **Ms Andrea Hartley**

Andrea is an experienced communications professional who works in the fields of health, climate, gender and purposeful business. She set up the strategy and communications consultancy, Skating Panda, over a decade ago to partner with organisations and collectives to make more and deeper impact in the world, sooner. She has worked with the likes of the World Health Organization, the Wellcome Trust, Cancer Research UK, NHS Charities Together, as well as Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine; also many businesses, government and civil society.

Always on a mission to achieve positive change, Andrea brings a wealth of business and issue-based experience to everything she does, with a sharp focus on purpose. She is a board director of the food poverty social enterprise, *Maymessy*, and a trustee of the peer-to-peer family health charity, *mothers2mothers*, the largest employer of HIV positive women in the world, working to build a healthy, thriving Africa.



### **Dr Adrian James**

Adrian was elected President in 2020. He holds this role until 2023 and leads the RCPsych on behalf of its members and associates.

Adrian is Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist at Langdon Hospital in Dawlish, Devon. He is a former Medical Director of Devon Partnership NHS Trust and founding Chair of the School of Psychiatry at the Peninsular Deanery (2006-2008).

He was the elected Chair of the South West Division of the Royal College of Psychiatrists (2007-2011) and sat on the College Council in this capacity. In 2010 he was appointed Chair of the Westminster Parliamentary Liaison Committee of the Royal College of Psychiatrists (attending the three main Party Conferences 2011-14 in this capacity).

He was Clinical Director for Mental Health, Dementia and Neurology, working for NHS England South West (2013-2015, interim from 2012-13). He has also acted as a Reviewer and Clinical Expert for the Healthcare Commission and its successor organisation the Care Quality Commission. He has chaired expert review groups on Integrated Care Systems, Cannabis, Prevent and Learning from Deaths. In addition, he set up the Quality Improvement Committee and the Workforce Wellbeing Committee at the College.

Adrian is a keen cyclist - road and hybrid in Devon and Brompton in London. Adrian has completed three *Étape du Tours* (an event for amateur cyclists covering the same route as a Tour de France stage). Adrian and his wife, Sarah are on their third tandem.



### **Mr Laurie Laybourn-Langton**

Laurie is an award-winning researcher, author and strategist focussing on the environmental crisis. He is a Visiting Fellow at Chatham House, where he is leading a project exploring how future leaders can accelerate the transition to more sustainable, equitable and resilient societies as the environmental crisis gets far worse. Laurie is also an Associate Fellow at the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) and a Visiting Fellow at the Global Systems Institute, University of Exeter. In 2021, he was co-author and lead coordinator of an unprecedented joint editorial from over 200 health journals on the environmental crisis, which was coordinated with the UK Health Alliance on Climate Change (UKHACC), of which he was previously director.



### **Dr Alice McGushin**

Alice is a junior doctor based in London, UK. Prior to returning to clinical medicine, Alice was the Programme Manager for the Lancet Countdown: tracking progress on health and climate change, an international, multidisciplinary collaboration of academic and UN institutions. Alice trained as a medical doctor in Tasmania and Western Australia. She completed an MSc Public Health (Environment and Health) at London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and has also worked as a consultant for several actors, including the World Health Organization, the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment and the World Organization of Family Doctors.



### **Ms Siobhan McShane**

Siobhan was an intern at St George's House from 2018-2019. She has returned to act as Rapporteur for a number of consultations since then. She currently works as Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Officer for Lewisham Virtual School. While studying at King's College London, she was part of the Global Health Working Group for King's Think Tank.



### **Professor Hugh Montgomery OBE**

Hugh obtained a 1st class BSc (1984), Medical Degree (1987) & MDRes (1997). He is Prof of Intensive Care Medicine at UCL & director UCL Centre for Human Health & Performance. He has published >550 papers & has won >8 (inter)national awards. He chaired 2 Lancet Commissions on Human Health & Climate Change (CC), & now the 42-institution 27-country Lancet Countdown on Health & CC; briefed policymakers (inter)nationally; co-leads the UCL MSc module on CC & health; was a founder member of the UK Climate & Health Alliance; led the first RCP meeting on Health & CC; led the first international meeting on CC, Health & Security; was appointed London Leader by Greater London Authority's Sustainable Development Commission; attended many international 'COP' negotiations; led the children's CC education 'Project Genie'; & co-led the ITV documentary on Floods and Climate Change (2020). He initiated the 2022 Regent's Declaration Process. His 2022 OBE was awarded in part for work on climate change.



### **Dr Elaine Mulcahy**

Elaine Mulcahy is the Interim Director of the UK Health Alliance on Climate Change, which represents 900,000+ healthcare professionals working across the UK seeking meaningful action on climate change for the benefit of human health. She has a PhD in Bioengineering from the University of Strathclyde and completed post-doctoral research in neurophysiology at the University of Sydney and Australian National University. She has extensive experience working in health and science communications and strategic leadership roles including editor of the nanotechnology magazine NANO and Head of Corporate Communications and Marketing at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.



### **Mrs Clare Nash**

Clare is a registered nurse and Head of Clinical Products Management for the Black Country Alliance - Sandwell and West Birmingham and Dudley Group of Hospitals Trusts.

She is a member of the NHS England and Improvement Sustainable Procurement Group and works with Royal College of Nursing to develop resources to support nurses in delivering greener healthcare. She has recently authored a paper entitled "Time to act: what nurses can do to reduce the environmental burden of PPE" and is passionate about sharing the small changes nursing and healthcare staff can make to reduce the NHS carbon footprint.



### **Ms Hannah Nissan**

Hannah Nissan is Associate Director of Research in Willis Towers Watson's Climate and Resilience Hub and an Adjunct Research Scientist at Columbia University's International Research Institute for Climate & Society (IRI). She formerly held research positions at the Grantham Research Institute for Climate Change and the Environment at the LSE, Columbia University and Imperial College London. From 2018-2020 she was Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Early Warning Systems for Malaria and Other Infectious Diseases at IRI, Columbia University. Hannah is a founding Steering Committee member of the Global Heat Health Information Network and serves on the American Meteorological Society's Board on Environment and Health.

Hannah works on adaptation to climate variability and change, with particular experience in the public health, humanitarian and financial sectors. She specialises in tailoring and translating climate science for practical application and in supporting stakeholders to incorporate physical climate risks into strategy- and decision-making.



### **Mrs Julie Siddiqi MBE**

Julie has 25 years grassroots experience working with faith communities across the UK. She supports companies and organisations to navigate their way through issues around inclusion and is Founder of 'Together We Thrive', a national network and online platform to train and inspire Muslim women to fully participate in society at every level, challenge patriarchal attitudes and ensure Muslim women are better represented in media. She is a regular contributor to Radio 4's Thought For the Day and is a Steering Group member of the Together Coalition. Julie was awarded an MBE in 2020 for Services to Promoting Interfaith Understanding.



### **Professor Martin Siegert**

Martin is Professor of Geosciences and Director of the Grantham Institute, Imperial College London. He was formerly Head of the School of GeoSciences and Assistant Principal for Energy and Climate Change at the University of Edinburgh, where he led the creation of the Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation (ECCI). He was a pupil at Sudbury Upper Comprehensive School in the early 1980s, went to Reading University to read Geophysics in the late 1980s and attended Cambridge University in the early 1990s where he was awarded his PhD in Polar Science. Martin's research interests are in the field of glaciology. He uses geophysical techniques to quantify the flow and form of ice sheets both now and in the past. Martin has appeared regularly on TV and radio to discuss his research, including BBC Radio 4's Life Scientific in August 2012. In 2007 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. He was awarded the 2013 Martha T Muse Prize in Antarctic Science and Policy.



### **Professor Jason Snape**

Jason is Global Head of Environment within AstraZeneca's Global Sustainability Team. Accountable for AstraZeneca's global ambitions to deliver its Ambition Zero Carbon strategy, drive natural resource reduction and ensure the environmental safety of pharmaceuticals throughout their lifecycle. Member of the AstraZeneca UK Leadership Team. Chair of the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industry Associations (EFPIA), Medicines for Europe, and AESGP working group on the environmental risk assessment of human medicinal products. Recognized scientific leader and opinion former with >6000 citations from approximately 50 publications. Honorary Clinical Professor at the University of Warwick and a Professor of Environmental Engineering at the University of Newcastle. Member of the University of York's Environmental Sustainability Advisory Board. Co-chair the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC) Pharmaceutical Advisory Group.



### **Dr Robin Stott, FRCP, FFPH**

Robin is a retired physician, having spent his working life as consultant physician, clinical dean and medical director at Lewisham University Hospital.

Throughout his career he has been concerned with the wider duties of health professionals to protect and promote the public health. To this end he has been involved in the anti-colonial and prodemocracy movements, has chaired the international committee of the international's physicians for prevention of nuclear war, and its UK affiliate MEDACT.

Robin served for eight years on the London sustainability commission, acted as sustainability advisor to the Mayor of Lewisham, and was a founder member in 2007 of the Climate and Health Council, which morphed into the UK health alliance on climate change, of which he is an executive member.

At present, Robin is working to ensure that an appropriately tailored health message on the ecological emergency reaches as wide a constituency as possible.



**Professor Charles Swanton MBPhD, FRCP, FMedSci, FAACR, FRS**

Charles completed his MBPhD training in 1999 at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund Laboratories and Cancer Research UK clinician scientist/medical oncology training in 2008. Charles is a senior group leader of the Cancer Evolution and Genome Instability Laboratory at the Francis Crick Institute and combines his research with clinical duties at UCLH, as a thoracic oncologist, focussed on how tumours evolve over space and time. Charles research branched evolutionary histories of solid tumours, processes that drive cancer cell-to-cell variation in the form of new cancer mutations or chromosomal instabilities, and the impact of such cancer diversity on effective immune surveillance and clinical outcome. Charles is chief investigator of TRACERx, a lung cancer evolutionary study and the national PEACE autopsy program.

Charles was made Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in April 2011, appointed Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences in 2015, awarded the Napier Professor in Cancer by the Royal Society in 2016, appointed Cancer Research UK's Chief Clinician in 2017, and elected Fellow of the Royal Society in 2018 and Fellow of the American Association for Cancer Research in 2020. Charles is an editorial board member of Cell, Plos Medicine, Cancer Discovery and Annals of Oncology and an advisory board member for Nature Reviews Clinical Oncology and Cancer Cell. In 2016 he co-founded Achilles Therapeutics, a UCL/CRUK/Francis Crick Institute spin-out company, assessing the efficacy of T cells targeting clonal neoantigens.

Charles has been awarded several prizes including the Stand up to Cancer Translational Cancer Research Prize (2015), GlaxoSmithkline Biochemical Society Prize (2016), San Salvatore prize for Cancer Research (2017) and the Ellison-Cliffe Medal, Royal Society of Medicine (2017), recipient of the Gordon Hamilton Fairley Medal (2018), Massachusetts General Hospital, Jonathan Kraft Prize for Excellence in Cancer Research (May 2018), the ESMO Award for Translational Cancer Research (2019), Addario Lung Cancer Foundation Award and Lectureship, International Lung Cancer Congress (July 2020), Weizmann Institute Sergio Lombroso Award in Cancer Research (2021), International Society of Liquid Biopsy (ISLB) Research Award (2021), and the Memorial Sloan Kettering Paul Marks Memorial Prize (2021).



### **Dr Madeleine Thomson PhD.**

Madeleine is Head of Climate Impacts, in the Climate Change and Health Challenge Area at the Wellcome Trust; a politically & financially independent foundation which supports science to solve the urgent health challenges facing everyone. Prior to this role she was the interim Head of Our Planet Our Health at Wellcome. The Trust support researchers, policy makers & the public in tackling some of today's greatest health challenges, including those associated with climate change.

Dr Thomson is also a visiting Professor at Lancaster University, UK and an Emeritus professor at Columbia University, New York where she previously held senior research positions at the International Research Institute (IRI) for Climate and Society and the Mailman School of Public Health. While at IRI she served as Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Early Warning Systems for Malaria and Other Climate-Sensitive Diseases (including meningococcal meningitis and ZikaV) and was co-chair of the cross Columbia working group on global health security.

She was educated at the University of Sheffield (BSc), Imperial College London (MSc) and the University of Liverpool (PhD).



### **The Right Reverend Graham Usher**

Graham is the Bishop of Norwich and the Church of England's lead bishop for the environment. An ecologist by background, he has maintained an interest in nature conservation throughout his ministry, including writing about the spirituality of landscape – *Places of Enchantment* and *The Way Under Our Feet*. With an interest in medical ethics, he was until recently a board member of the Human Tissue Authority. He is a Church Commissioner and the English episcopal representative on the Anglican Consultative Council. He enjoys spending time looking after his bees.



### **Ms Liz Willetts**

Liz has 20 years practical experience addressing the social determinants of health. She is a primary care clinician who, for the last 13 years, has also worked for the International Institute for Sustainable Development as a policy reporter and analyst attending UN intergovernmental negotiations on environment and development. She is an expert on local-to-global issues at the health-environment nexus (the field of Planetary Health), and has experience following global discussions on climate (UNFCCC), biodiversity (CBD, IPBES, ITPGRFA), food security (UN Committee on World Food Security), water (UN-Water), chemicals and waste (Basel and Rotterdam Conventions), and health (World Health Assembly).