

Delivering Integrated Climate Education

Monday 26th – Tuesday 27th February 2024

Participant Biographies



Julia Adamson

Julia Adamson MBE FBCS CITP, Managing Director, Education and Public Benefit at BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT.

Julia's mission at BCS is to give every young person the digital skills they need to succeed in life and work. Under her leadership, the Computing at School (CAS) teachers' network has grown in influence and now has over 25,000 teacher members. BCS' Barefoot scheme, which supports primary teachers with learning materials and lesson plans, has so far reached 3.3 million children across the UK. Julia played a lead role in establishing and managing the National Centre for Computing Education (NCCE), an £84 million government-funded programme to upskill teachers to deliver world-class education in computing in schools. In 2023, Julia was awarded an MBE, for Services to Education.

Julia is a Trustee of The Blackdown Education Partnership a Multi Academy Trust, in Mid Devon. Julia began her career in education 26 years ago as a teacher in Cheshire. In 2006 she joined Liverpool-based company, MGL, developing her vision for tech in schools, and how it could transform outcomes for learners. She joined Exeter-based South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) in 2009, supporting its work on online safety and education. Later joining BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT in 2017, holding a number of leadership roles, and is now Managing Director, Education and Public Benefit.



Jamie Agombar

Jamie Agombar is the founder Executive Director of Students Organising for Sustainability (SOS-UK), a youth-led educational charity created in 2019 by the students and staff at NUS. SOS-UK supports students to take transformational action to tackle the climate emergency and ecological crisis, and to deliver climate justice. SOS-UK's system-change campaigns include Invest for Change, Teach the Future, Mock COP and The RACE Report. Prior to joining SOS-UK, Jamie led on sustainability at NUS for 15 years, positioning NUS as a leader on sustainability across tertiary education. Jamie is also a Chair of Trustees at The Harmony Project, a Non-Executive Director of the Aldersgate Group, sits on the Public Policy Committee of The British Academy and is a member of Court at the University of Bath.



Danielle Arbeiter

Danielle Arbeiter is an international student from Canada and is currently in her final year of the LLB (Hons) at City, University of London, following her specialist degree in Criminology and Sociology from University of Toronto. Her passion for environmental and social justice is not only reflected in her academic pursuits but also in her leadership within the sustainability community as Co-President of the City (University) Sustainability Society, with aspirations to integrate these passions into her future career in law.



Paul Bailey

Paul Bailey is Chief Executive Officer at the Engineering Council, the UK regulatory body for the engineering profession. Prior to his appointment as CEO, Paul held the position of Deputy CEO & Operations Director for over eight years and was also previously Deputy CEO at the Royal Aeronautical Society. With a degree in Physics and a background in aerospace and aviation, Paul is a member of both the Institute of Physics and the Royal Aeronautical Society.

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Jodie Bailey-Ho

Jodie Bailey-Ho is an undergraduate environmental science student at the University of Manchester, one of the founders of Teach the Teacher and one of the Department for Education Youth Focal Points for sustainability. Her lobbying for climate education began in 2019, working with SOS-UK and Mock COP, before founding Teach the Teacher - a student-led project supporting young people to deliver climate workshops to their teachers. Her commitment to sustainability and education has earned Jodie recognition on a global scale - being named one of the finalists for Young Champion at the Global Good Awards, and a Warner Bros 'Climate Champion'.



Charlotte Bonner

Charlotte Bonner joined EAUC as CEO in February 2023. She has nearly twenty years' sustainability leadership experience across membership and tertiary education organisations. Her strengths lie in business development, engagement and policy change.

Prior to joining EAUC, she was the Education and Training Foundation's education for sustainable development (ESD) lead, supporting the further education and training sector. Previously she was a keystone of NUS' sustainability work, most notably project managing the UNESCO ESD prize winning Green Impact programme from its inception. She's previously held senior teaching associate positions at the University of Bristol and was a sustainability consultant prior to her tenure at NUS.



Joy Carter

Professor Joy Carter was formerly the Vice-Chancellor of The University of Winchester. She is an academic with research based in Geochemistry and Health and was a former President of the international society in her field. Professor Carter is currently Chair of St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace, Chair of the National Governing Body (NGB) of Squash, a former Co-Chair of the UK Climate Commission for Higher and Further education. a board member of Compassion in World Farming International (CIWFI) and a board member of A Rocha UK. She is also a Lifetime Fellow of the Environmental Association for Universities and Colleges.

Professor Carter is Patron of 6 charities and is a Deputy Lieutenant for the county of Hampshire. Passionate about all aspects of sustainability and social justice, she has particular interests in climate change, widening participation, peace and reconciliation, sport, and animal welfare. She is an Ambassador for Religions for Peace International and a member on the Standing Committee on Nurturing a Sustainable Environment. Professor Carter is a Fellow of the Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics. She was awarded a CBE in the New Year Honours in 2018 for services to Higher Education.



Kerr Castle

Dr Kerr Castle, Quality Enhancement and Standards Specialist, QAA

As a Quality Enhancement and Standards Specialist at QAA, Kerr leads and supports a range of activities that aim to improve the quality and experience of UK higher education. Some of his key areas of focus are student transitions, education for sustainable development, enterprise and entrepreneurship education, and teaching, learning and assessment. He also collaborates with internal and external stakeholders to develop and implement solutions that enhance the student learning experience and outcomes.



Robert Charnock

Dr Robert Charnock received his PhD in Climate Finance from the London School of Economics and Political Science, while working with the United Nations to develop a toolkit for managing the risks of climate change. He is the Founding Director of the Metis Institute for Climate Strategy in Singapore, funded by RSK Group, conducting research into net zero transition planning and in collaboration with WWF and the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA). Robert also delivers guest lectures on climate change at institutions such as Nanyang Technological University and the Centre for Technological Excellence in Sarawak.



Beth Chaudhary

Beth Chaudhary is Director of Strategy at the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education as part of a long-standing job-share with Rachel Cooper. The Institute's vision is to deliver a world-leading apprenticeships and technical education system, that equips people from all backgrounds for skilled occupations.

Previously, Beth and Rachel were the Director of Strategy at the Cabinet Office, Principal Private Secretary to the Chief Executive of the Civil Service and in charge of Smart Energy Policy in BEIS. Before that, Beth worked on the Renewable Heat Incentive as head of operations, and in the Fuel Poverty team where she designed the first Energy Company Obligation.

Prior to joining DECC in 2008, Beth was in the Cabinet Office coordinating the EU Climate and Energy Package and had various roles in Defra and the French Environment Ministry, including private secretary to both the French and British Secretaries of State.



Aditi Chowdhary-Gandhi

Aditi Chowdhary-Gandhi works for the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) in the Professional Practice Directorate as Head of Standards. The NMC is the independent regulator for nurses and midwives in the UK, and nursing associates in England with more than 808,000 nurses, midwives and nursing associates on our public register, the largest professional register in the world. Our vision is safe, effective and kind nursing and midwifery practice for everyone. As part of our strategic plan for 2022-2025 we made a commitment to implement an NMC sustainability and environmental plan so we would like to engage and collaborate with diverse stakeholders to shape our plan. Our review of the Code of conduct which is the key regulatory tool for all nursing and midwifery professionals on our register is planned for 2025 – as part of the review the NMC and specifically my team will consider including sustainability related commitments for those on our register. Equally, as part of our 'support' and 'influence' role we will continue working with other regulators, employers, educators, professionals, students and the public to strengthen action in this key area. This consultation offers an opportunity for the NMC to liaise with key stakeholders in this area.



Colin Church

Dr Colin Church is the Chief Executive of the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining, the global network for the materials cycle. He is Chair of Green Alliance's Circular Economy Task Force and of the Professional Bodies Climate Action Charter, and sits on the Board of the Society for the Environment. Previously, Colin was the CEO of CIWM, the professional body for resources and waste management. Before that, he spent 21 years in the UK Civil Service working in a range of areas including various roles on climate change policy and practice.



Matthew Dicks

Matt Dicks is the national director of Chartered Institute of Housing Cymru and leads the CIH team in Wales. Matt took his current role armed with a breadth of knowledge of the Welsh and UK public policy landscape following 17 years of working as a senior communicator at the heart of Welsh and UK civic and political life. After an early career in journalism, he joined the Welsh Parliament as its head of news and senior adviser to the Presiding Officer. Before changing career direction into the housing sector, he also sat as a volunteer board member of Newydd Housing Association for nine years.



Adam Donnan

Adam Donnan has worked for the IES in various roles since 2006. In 2013 he was made the organisation's first CEO. Adam is the Chair of the Science Council. He also Chairs the Technical Pathways Programme Board, which oversees a project to engage the science community with technical education. Past roles include a secondment as Interim CEO of the Society for the Environment (2014-15), Vice President of the European Network of Environmental Professionals (ENEP) (2013-16), director of SiLC, and a non-Executive Director of Change Agents UK (2011-16). He was the 2014 Young Leader of the Year at the Association Awards UK. He holds an MBA and a BA History, is a Chartered Environmentalist, and has a passion for long distance running.



Chloe Field

Chloe Field is the Vice President for Higher Education at the National Union of Students. Before this she was a Student Officer at Liverpool Guild for two years. Over the past few years she has campaigned on key issues facing students such as tackling the student housing crisis and fighting against sexual assault. She has also been working on getting the student voice heard loudly and boldly to influence the next General Election to ensure radical change happens to post-16 education.



Hannah Fitzpatrick

Hannah Fitzpatrick (she/her) is attending this event in her capacity as Senior Project Manager (Development and Advocacy) for SOS-UK. A former teacher and school leader, Hannah now leads on a variety of sustainability projects across the education sector. She is passionate about the transformative power of high-quality climate education that places young people's voices at its heart.



Lee Graves

Dr Lee Graves is a Reader at the Research Institute for Sport and Exercise Sciences, Liverpool John Moores University. Lee's research and teaching focuses on developing, implementing and evaluating solutions to improve health and wellbeing through physical activity promotion and sedentary behaviour reduction. Lee is an academic partner of choice for local, regional and international organisations, notably in the field of workplace physical activity and health strategy and certification standards. Lee's passion for tackling climate breakdown led to becoming a member of the British Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences' Climate Action and Sustainability Advisory Group in 2021. The group focus on the roles and responsibilities of Sport and Exercise Scientists in response to ongoing climate breakdown.



Kay Hack

Dr Kay Hack (PFHEA) is the Lead Consultant (Education) for Advance HE. Kay leads a team of senior consultants to deliver a range of services to the HE sector to support strategic leadership and change in HEIs. She has worked with a diverse range of UK and international higher education providers on key themes which aim to improve the student experience and outcomes. She led, in collaboration with the UK Quality Assurance Agency, the revision of sector guidance on Education for Sustainable Development. Currently her focus is on supporting institutional leaders to develop a strategic approach to their organisation's commitment to sustainability.



Victoria Hands

Dr Victoria Hands empowers individuals and organisations to discover and adopt regenerative practices through collaborative strategy development and delivery, training, innovation and research. As Director of Sustainability at The Open University, Victoria coordinates a pan-institution matrix team to deliver sustainability, upskilling over 700 staff and students to become 'carbon literacy' certified. Victoria authored a 100-hour microcredential 'Climate Change: Transforming your Organisation for Sustainability' featuring five ways of working for sustainability and referred to as 'game changing' by learners. Victoria holds a PhD on implementing sustainability from the London School of Economics, where she also initiated the LSE sustainability team. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/drvictoriahands/>



Alan Hatfield

Alan Hatfield is executive director of content, quality and innovation at ACCA - the global body for professional accountants.

Alan leads ACCA's development of forward-thinking content and solutions across education, learning, professional insights research and brand. This includes responsibility for innovation in the ACCA Qualification, and supports the careers, professional development, and studies of ACCA's 247,000 members and 526,000 future members across 181 countries.

Alan's background is in professional education where he has over 20 years' experience leading teams in creating and launching qualifications and development programs. These include a partnership with the University of London to design a Masters in Professional Accountancy.

He is a member of the International Federation of Accountants' (IFAC) International Panel for Accountancy Education.



Jhumar Johnson

Jhumar Johnson as Chief of Staff, is aide, adviser and problem-solver to the Vice-Chancellor, focussed on communications, external relationships, and special projects, assisting with achieving his objectives and responsibilities towards the success of the University. She is also Director of Development ensuring alumni, donors and partners are at the heart of the OU family along with our staff and students.

She has a background in major gifts consulting and practice in the not-for-profit sector and advising individuals and families on shaping their philanthropy. She is an Executive coach, public speaker, mentor and trainer. She sits on the Board of the GSR Foundation, National Emergencies Trust and on John Lewis Partnership's Happier Futures Strategic Advisory Board.

She is an alumna of the University of Oxford - Said Business School, the University of Westminster, The Open University and the University of Mumbai, and a member of the Chief of Staff Association, Chief, CASE and Chartered Institute of Fundraising.



Mark Jordan

Mark Jordan MChem FRSA heads the education team at the Royal Society of Chemistry. Their 50+ specialists empower teachers across UK and Ireland to offer students an excellent chemistry/science education through professional development, mentoring, resources and articles, enrichment programmes, a regional network of specialists, partnerships and policy work (including through Science Education Policy Alliance). Prior to RSC, Mark led on initiatives to make exam data open for the benefit of teachers and learners, and published widely used texts/resources in secondary STEM subjects. He lives in Cambridge and has children engaged in three phases of education.



Simon Kemp

Professor Simon Kemp is the Deputy Director of the interdisciplinary Sustainability & Resilience Institute, and University Lead in Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) where he is responsible for the embedding of sustainable development across the whole of the university curricula and student experience. He set up and runs the 'Meliora' Student Sustainability Research Symposium, Journal and Podcast series.

Simon has also held the additional national roles of Academic Lead in ESD for the Higher Education Academy (now Advance HE), Leader of the UK Green Academy Programme, Deputy Chair and Trustee of the Environmental Association of Universities and Colleges (EAUC), Co-Chair of the QAA & Advance HE Education for Sustainable Development Guidance Document Expert Working Groups (2014 & 2021). Simon has been widely recognised for his student-focused work in ESD and employability through the Times Higher Education 'Most Innovative Teacher of Year', a National Teaching Fellowship, and the Green Gowns 'Sustainability Professional of the Year' awards amongst others.



Nico King

Nico King is a Biological Sciences student at the University of Liverpool with a strong interest in sustainability and biodiversity replenishment. They understand the importance of and have consistently advocated for the inclusion of environmental context in education from an early age, including topics around climate change and social justice and learning in a sustainable environment. They recently worked as SOS-UK's Wilding Schools Project Co-ordinator, supporting students across the UK to re-wild their school groups in a flagship project supporting the DfE's 2025 Sustainability & Climate Change Strategy, alongside their studies.

Nico has previously worked with Teach the Future, iWill, DMK Potential, and MockCOP as both a volunteer and student staff member and continues to represent Teach the Future as a volunteer.



Alison Kitson

Dr Alison Kitson is an Associate Professor of Education at University College London and Programme Director for UCL's Centre for Climate Change and Sustainability Education (CCCSE). Her previous experience includes secondary teaching, teacher education and educational policy, working in schools, at the Training and Development Agency for Schools and at the University of Warwick. She has worked at UCL since 2008 and became Deputy President of the Historical Association in 2021. Her current role with CCCSE is to lead a national programme of teacher professional development to help teachers respond to the climate and ecological crises in their teaching.



Ria Konkumalla

Ria Konkumalla is from City University of London and studies Investment and Financial Risk Management. She has been a huge climate activist since she was 16 and has some experience with leading and battling this problem. In school she was the Economic and Environmental prefect and now at University she is part of the City Sustainability society. As well as her extra curricular, she has talked about climate change and environmental subjects in her academic presentations in her ESG in Finance module. She is very excited and keen to attend this event and continue this discussion



Phil Martin

Phil Martin is the Assistant Director for Education Policy in the GMC. He leads a team with responsibility for reforms to education, including regulatory reform, the planned strategy for transforming education and training and the review of standards and outcomes for all stages of doctors', physician associates and anaesthetic associates education and training. He joined the GMC in 2018, having previously held in a number of different roles in the Department for Work and Pensions, including work in policy, strategy and operational roles.



Justine Mercer

Dr. Justine Mercer is President of the University and College Union (UCU), a UK trade union comprising approximately 120,000 members, working in the post-16 education sector. She is also an Associate Professor of Educational Leadership at the University of Warwick. Prior to entering UK Higher Education, she spent 15 years fulfilling various education and government-related roles in China, Hungary, Oman, Thailand, Turkey and the UAE. UCU has had workplace green reps for many years and, two years ago, we established a Climate and Ecological Emergency Committee to strengthen our commitment to tackling the climate emergency via education and a just transition to green jobs.



Shloka Murarka

Shloka Murarka is a BSc Economics student at SOAS University of London, and president of the SOAS chapter of Rethinking Economics. Her main experience is in running student events to make heterodox economics more accessible.



Frank Peters

Frank Peters spent his early career as a designer, he has for the past 30 years led the professional body for design overseeing corporate strategy, designing and implementing various accreditation programmes in both practice and education.

In his dual role as CE of the Register of Chartered Designers he has overseen the development of a pathway to chartership including all Royal Charter governance aspects.

Frank is also chair of the Society's international academic accreditation programme.

He is the Honorary Secretary of the Prince Philip Designers Prize and Student awards, Vice President of the Global Education Policy Network (Saudi Arabia).

A qualified Chartered Director, Frank also represents the design sector as a senate member of the Genesis Initiative which represents UK SMEs informing government.



Elly Philpott

Dr Elly Philpott is a Senior Quality Manager at the Chartered Management Institute responsible for centre approvals and ongoing Quality Assurance of levels 2-8 qualifications worldwide.

Elly has a PhD in Concurrent Engineering and a Masters in IT for Manufacturing.

She has been Involved in new product introduction at CMI, and has a contemporary knowledge of CMI's current and pipeline qualifications. Elly has a REF case study around university-SME effective knowledge transfer and has published in the areas of concurrent engineering, project management, B2B supply chain management and Higher Education. Elly is keen to explore the delivery of Integrated Climate Education with a view to ensuring that CMI qualifications at levels 2-8 remain contemporary and that CMI is able to provide thought leadership in this area going forward.



Tom Pridmore

Tom Pridmore is President of the Tourism Management Institute, he has a long career in the public sector. His work in sustainable tourism won various awards, and he presented a paper on sustainable tourism at the European Union of Tourism Officers. Tom is currently Tourism Officer in Ribble Valley and as a mature student he achieved a Master's degree in Leisure and Tourism. He is also Regional Environmental Assessor for the British Holiday Homes Parks Association, an Associate Lecturer at UCLAN and has a tourism consultancy. He is a longstanding member of TMI and, whilst as Head of CPD, Tom forged links with educational establishments to help students to develop career pathways.



Jenny Russell

Dr Jenny Russell is the Director of Education and Learning at the Royal Institute of British Architects where she acts as an advocate, both nationally and internationally, for excellence in standards of architectural education and student experience. Jenny leads the RIBA Education and Learning department who are responsible for the delivery of the renowned President's Medals, a variety of scholarships and bursaries, the RIBA's own suite of qualifications, the nationally and internationally sought and respected RIBA Validation Programme, the National Schools Programme and RIBA's varied learning programmes.

Jenny has worked in Higher Education since 2002, gaining her doctorate in 2006 investigating the spatial perceptions of young children in educational buildings. Joining the Belfast School of Architecture in its infancy, Jenny was involved in the successful development and growth of the School, being appointed as the Associate Head of School in 2013. She is an experienced External Examiner, examining at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, up to, and including, PhD at institutions both in the UK and worldwide.



Amit Singh

Amiteshwar Singh is a 23 year old organiser and student doctor working towards climate action with a vision for health justice and education justice that is rooted within transformational change. His work is centred around and catalysed by the intersections of ecological justice, racial justice and a just economic transition. Ranging from conducting research and policy writing to youth mobilisation and strategic lobbying, Amit's work engages the local, national, and international levels. This work, focused on the structures of education and health, builds on a vision for a future rooted within climate justice.



Rachel Solomon Williams

Rachel Solomon Williams since mid-2023 has been Executive Director at the Aldersgate Group, a cross-sectoral alliance of businesses and other organisations championing a prosperous, environmentally sustainable economy. Rachel has 20+ years' experience of working in environment and climate policy, as a civil servant (including as policy lead on the Climate Change Act) and in other sectors, with her most recent role being in KPMG's energy transition team. She draws on this experience to work with Aldersgate Group members on developing robust policy recommendations and press the Government for change in vital areas, including climate skills and education.



Judith Taylor

Dr Judith Taylor is Head of Education at the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI). Prior to working for the RTPI, she worked for universities, including as a research fellow on European Commission Directorate General Justice-funded projects looking at the inclusion of interpreters in video-mediated legal communication.



Josh Tregale

Josh Tregale is a Mechanical Engineering student at Imperial College London, specialising in sustainable energy. He was a Campaign Coordinator at Mock COP26, an online youth-led conference the year COP was postponed, which engaged over 800 young people. As part of this, he worked on the Together for Tomorrow event at COP26, the first time education ministers have been convened at a COP. Josh was appointed by the COP26 presidency to the Italian Government's Youth4Climate Advisory Committee, where he joined the Governance Team as a bridge builder for the Driving Ambition Milan summit held alongside Pre-COP. He has since worked with the Council of Europe and the British Council on education and energy policy.



Anna Turrell

Anna Turrell is Chief Sustainability Officer at Decathlon, the world's largest sporting goods retailer. In this role Anna is responsible for the global sustainability agenda.

Prior to joining Decathlon, Anna was Group Sustainability Director at Tesco and Head of Sustainability for Nestlé UK & Ireland before that. In these roles she led the development and roll-out of integrated sustainability strategies and their delivery across multi-category businesses.

Before moving in-house, Anna spent 10 years in sustainability consultancy in Europe and Asia. Anna is a trustee of environment campaigning charity, Hubbub, and a director of the Aldersgate Group.



Michelle Wang

Michelle Wang is the EMEA Sustainability Manager in the global Real Estate Sustainability team at Deloitte. She is responsible for driving sustainable real estate efforts across the regional portfolio with a focus on decarbonising fit-outs and building operations. Prior to her current role, Michelle's multi-disciplinary background in both architecture and environmental politics has allowed her to work alongside architects, building services engineers, and sustainability consultants to deliver leading sustainable projects for a wide range of clients. She is an advocate for climate education and is currently part of the education workstream at The Edge built environment think tank.



Donna Ward

Donna Ward, CBE, is Director of Strategic Policy and the Chief Sustainability Officer in the Department for Education. She is responsible for leading the Department's strategy on climate and sustainability across the education sector. Prior to joining the Department for Education in June 2023, Donna led the Child Poverty in the Department for Work and Pensions for 5 years. Donna has been a member of the Senior Civil Service since 2005, leading on public sector pay and pensions in HM Treasury and then on a range of social policy issues in major spending Departments.



Wilf White

Wilf White is Director of Communications and Public Engagement at the Bar Standards Board since 2016, after a Law degree Wilf spent 12 years in HM Treasury advising on a range of issues including social security, energy, transport, EU and cultural policies. He then spent 14 years at the BBC as Head of External Policy advising on relations with Government, Parliament and other stakeholders on all aspects of broadcasting policy, funding and regulation. After two years as a broadcasting consultant in countries including Serbia, Libya and the West Bank he then worked briefly for the energy regulator Ofgem before joining the BSB.