

Offshore Wind Delegation, UK Delegate Biographies***Albert Clark, Head of Offshore Wind, UK Department for International Trade.***

Albert Clark is Head of Offshore Wind at the UK Department for International Trade (DIT). His team focuses on attracting foreign direct investment to the UK and developing the domestic market for export potential. Albert's team takes a commercial lens to policy development in the UK to ensure supply chain development is adequately considered. Albert previously worked at the UK Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) on offshore wind policy and supply chain development.

***Katharine York, Operations and Maintenance Centre of Excellence Manager, ORE Catapult, Humber.***

Katharine is the Operations and Maintenance Centre of Excellence Manager for Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE) Catapult, supporting development of new technology and services to improve performance, increase reliability, enhance safety and reduce environmental impacts associated with offshore wind. For more than a decade, Katharine has been involved in establishing and running control rooms to monitor and manage offshore wind farms. In roles for both utilities and OEM, her responsibilities have included building and developing skilled teams, and managing production, marine coordination, stores and maintenance scheduling.

***Sharanya Kumaramurthy, Senior Energy Analyst, Energy Industries Council.***

Sharanya joined the Energy Industries Council (EIC) in September 2018. The EIC is one of the largest energy trade bodies with over 800 members globally, working directly with the supply chain, developers and government. As an energy agnostic organisation, the EIC helps companies secure business opportunities across the globe and develop export capabilities. Sharanya is responsible for market intelligence on offshore and onshore wind, and supports companies with global project tracking, participation at specialised conferences/events, and producing relevant publications.

***Vicky Mant, Director of Business Development, RenewableUK.***

Vicky leads the commercial department for business development, membership and events sales at RenewableUK (RUK). Her responsibilities include: developing, implementing, and evolving commercial strategies with specific focuses on RUK's Account Management; thought leadership products; international strategy and re-categorisation of membership levels. She also leads on RUK's new business and sales activity, including events exhibition & sponsorship sales; membership; commercialisation of thought leadership products such as 'EnergyPulse' intelligence reports and other key commercial activity and campaigns. Prior to joining RUK, Vicky worked at leading trade magazine reNEWS - Renewable Energy News as sales and marketing manager and is currently a Director on the East of England Energy Group (EEEGR) board.



Andrew Oliver, Chairman of Grimsby Fish Dock Enterprises Limited and Port of Grimsby East, and Partner, Andrew Jackson Solicitors. Andrew works as both Chairman of Grimsby Fish Dock Enterprises Limited and Port of Grimsby East (GFDE), and three days a week as a Partner at Andrew Jackson Solicitors (Hull) specialising in marine, fisheries, environmental and regulatory law. GFDE operates both as a traditional fish market and fishing port but is now also Europe's largest offshore renewables operations and maintenance base. As a lawyer, Andrew advises in respect to all aspects of regulatory law as they affect the marine and terrestrial environment, as well as ship and port related accidents. Andrew is also Chair of Humber Marine and Renewables.



Kerrie Forster, CEO, Workboat Association. Kerrie's 18-year professional career has been dedicated to both onshore and offshore roles within various maritime industries. He is an industry consultant and CEO of the Workboat Association - "The trade association for Workboat Owners, Operators, Stakeholders and Professionals" and Non-Executive Director of Maritime UK - "The collective voice for the UK's maritime industries." Once a workboat vessel Master, he has offshore experience within offshore energy, survey, dive support, civils and dredging markets. Kerrie actively represents the workboat industry and wider offshore contracting sector speaking at and chairing working groups and conferences, providing guidance and research to many national and international publications, campaigns and government strategies. Kerrie is a member of the UK Government's Clean Maritime Council and Shipbuilding Skills Taskforce, and a Board member of the UK Maritime Skills Alliance.



Hazel Lince, Business and Product Development Manager, TTE International. Hazel is a highly experienced and successful business and product development manager. She has significant experience in designing and managing learning and development projects for major employers including BP, Tullow and Shell, with activities including training needs and skills gap analysis, designing and operating training centres and providing educational oversight to international training centres of excellence. Key strengths include a logical and analytical approach to designing and implementing learning solutions for traditional, transitional, and renewable energy environments as well as meeting nationalisation and complex local content requirements.



Mike Cohen, Deputy Chief Executive, National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations. Mike Cohen is the Deputy Chief Executive of the National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations (NFFO), the trade association representing the commercial fishing industry in England and Wales. The NFFO exists to support and advocate on behalf of its members at every level with member vessels ranging from 4-metre beach boats to 120-metre pelagic freezer trawlers. Mike joined the fishing industry when he co-founded and then led one of the largest regional fishing industry associations in the UK. Mike was invited to join the Executive Board of the NFFO and was subsequently elected Chairman. He joined the Federation's staff at the start of 2022. He has worked extensively with the offshore energy sector since 2011 and has negotiated several successful co-existence agreements between the fishing industry and wind farm developers.



Charlotte Brown, Chief Commercial Officer, Port of Tyne. Charlotte joined the Port in 2021, bringing over 20 years' experience in the energy, maritime, engineering and technology sectors to the role. She has held a range of commercial roles at companies including Cargemini and DNV. Charlotte has deep knowledge in growing and developing businesses across the energy sector from previous sales and divisional director roles in the UK, Europe and the Middle East. Her cross-sector career has seen Charlotte implement innovation strategies.



Dafydd Williams, Head of Policy, Communications, and Economic Development (Humber), Associated British Ports. Dafydd joined Associated British Ports in January 2017 as part of the leadership team running the busiest ports complex in the United Kingdom, which handles 17% of the nation's trade, including 10% of the UK's energy supplies. He is responsible for all of ABP Humber's external relations, policy developments, partnership working and the wider economic development of the Humber region. Prior to ABP, Dafydd worked for eight years for Yorkshire Water, a major water and wastewater utility provider, in various roles including latterly as Group Head of Corporate Affairs. Dafydd is a former politician, having been the Leader of City of York Council in the North of England and has extensive political experience having worked as a political advisor for Members of Parliament and Ministers between 1999 and 2007. He is also a magistrate in York Magistrates Court.



Louise Smith, Director, Aura, University of Hull. Louise is the Director of the University of Hull's centre for net zero in the region – the Aura Innovation Centre – a key interface between business and academia. Aura is an asset for the region to build low-carbon capacity, through innovation, in order to foster clean growth – with particular focus on SMEs, the backbone of the UK's economy. Louise has spent most of her 30-year career in industry as a consultant on large multi-million-pound innovative energy projects. She joined the University of Hull in 2016, working to build the Aura brand and reputation in the renewables in the low-carbon innovation space, consolidating the Centre's position in the region, nationally and internationally.



Colin Warwick, Chair, Fishing Liaison with Offshore Wind and Wet Renewables (FLOWW), The Crown Estate. Colin is an experienced fishing industry expert with over fifty years knowledge of the industry, working as a commercial fisherman/skipper vessel owner for forty-five years and serving UK industry through various bodies and organisations. After coming ashore in February 2010 he worked with the whole of the UK fishing industry as National Fisheries Liaison Officer for the Crown Estate, building relationships, looking at mitigation measures and promoting co-existence between the fishing industry and the offshore wind and wet renewables sector. Most recently, he been part of a team which delivered for the NFFO supported by The Crown Estate a Virtual Floating Offshore Wind Planning Project, which was a fishing sector initiative that demonstrated by working together better planning can be achieved.