Speaker	Biography	Photo
Ahmad Ashqar	Ahmad Ashqar is a researcher and PhD student in Geography at Durham University, with a background in mechanical engineering and anthropology. His research explores the social and political dimensions of energy, community, and place. His recently completed MRes followed the development of Energising East Durham, examining how community energy takes shape through local relationships, mining histories, and negotiations over ownership, participation, and benefit.	
Alan Lowdon	Professor Alan Lowdon OBE, Chair, Hydraulics Research (HR) Wallingford, Oxfordshire & Durham University Professor in Practice Alan has over 30 years' experience of the international energy and utility sectors - corporates, start-ups, and RTOs. He currently advises several start-ups in the UK, as well as historically advising the National Offshore Wind Institute in Massachusetts, the UK Government's innovation agency (Innovate UK) and the National Laboratory of the Rockies (formerly NREL) where he is a judge to its flagship innovation and entrepreneurship programme, the Industry Growth Forum. Alan is a former International Fellow of the Institute of Global Sustainability, Boston University, and currently works closely with the Technology Transfer Office of the University of Colorado, Boulder as a mentor. Alan was awarded his OBE in the 2022 Queen's NY Honours List for Services to UK- US Offshore Wind Collaboration.	
Alix Collingwood	Alix is Head of Engagement at Redhills CIO. She leads the development and delivery of our community, heritage and arts engagement programmes, funded by Arts Council England, the Heritage Lottery Fund and other donations and income to the charity. She manages strategic partnerships with community stakeholders, funders, delivery partners, schools and others, with responsibility for managing Redhill's collections and sharing them with the public.	

Amy Cowan	Amy joined the DEI in October 2026 as an Administrative Apprentice focusing on communications. She has a Masters in Philosophy from Durham University and is awaiting the examination of her PhD thesis from the University of West London, which focuses on transnational forms of solidarity within left-wing feminism.	
Andrew Crossland	Professor Andrew Smallbone is Professor of Energy Systems at Durham University. His work focuses on how heating and cooling can be made cleaner, more affordable and more resilient through technologies such as heat pumps, thermal energy storage, hydrogen and waste-heat recovery. He directed the UK's Heating and Cooling Network+, bringing together researchers, industry, government and communities to accelerate the transition to low-carbon heat. His wider research explores practical energy solutions for homes, businesses, transport and industry, bridging the gap between new technologies and their real-world application.	
Andy Smallbone	Andrew is the Director of the EPSRC Network+ on the Decarbonisation of Heating and Cooling, Co-Director of the EPSRC Network+ on Hydrogen for Transportation (Network-H2), a Fellow of the Durham Energy Institue (DEI) and a Professor in the Department of Engineering. He leads multi-disciplinary research teams on the decarbonisation of energy, heat, transport and industry. His expertise is in techno-economic evaluation and advanced numerical modelling as well as the development of novel engineering prototypes and hardware demonstrations.	
Anish Jindal	Anish Jindal is an Associate Professor in Computer Science at Durham University and was a visiting fellow at Princeton University. His PhD focused on demand side management in smart grids using data analytics and present research focuses on resource-aware computing, energy optimisation, programmable networking, greenAI and digital twins, in the realm of smart cities.	

Anoush Ehtashami	Professor Anoush Ehteshami is Professor of International Relations in the School of Government and International Affairs, Durham University. He is also the Nasser al-Mohammad al-Sabah Chair in International Relations and Director of the HH Sheikh Nasser al-Mohammad al-Sabah Programme in International Relations, Regional Politics and Security. He is, further, Director of the Institute for Middle Eastern & Islamic Studies (IMEIS) at Durham, one of the oldest and noted centres of excellence in Middle Eastern studies in Europe. He acts as Co-director (2016-2021) of the £3.9 million AHRC-funded Open Worlds Initiative entitled Cross-Language Dynamics: Reshaping Community.	
Ben Campbell	Ben Campbell is Professor in the Department of Anthropology and directed the MSc in Sustainability, Energy and Development. He co-chaired the Low Carbon Energy for Development Network 2013-2020 (LCEDN.org). His research focuses on poverty, livelihoods and resources in Nepal, energy innovation among indigenous communities and impacts of environmental conservation measures on local institutions of common property management. Supported by Durham Energy Institute, he has studied energy transitions in Nepal from fuelwood use to biogas for SMEs at high altitudes. His publications include 'Low Carbon Energy Democracy in the Global South?' written with his LCEDN colleagues Jon Cloke, and Ed Brown	

Bill Esterson MP	Bill Esterson is the Labour MP for Sefton Central, having first been elected at the 2010 election. Esterson currently chairs the energy security and net zero select committee (since September 2024). This commons select committee is responsible for scrutinising the policy, spending, and administration of the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) and its associated public bodies. By virtue of this role, Esterson sits on the liaison committee – the "super committee" composed of the cross-party chairs of all the other commons select committees. It has a broad oversight role, but is best known for its questioning of the prime minister in sessions that take place two or three times a year.	
Carl Hunter OBE (DIRDI)	Professor Carl Stephen Patrick Hunter OBE is Director of the Centre for Underwater Acoustic Analysis and Director-General of the Durham Institute of Research, Development and Invention. He is Chairman of Coltraco Ultrasonics and holds several academic and strategic research roles, including Professor-in-Practice at Durham University and Visiting Fellow of the Royal Navy Strategic Studies Centre. His work focuses on defence, national security, economic security, science, technology and UK strategic policy. Carl advises across Whitehall and Westminster and has contributed to UK defence reviews. A former international aviation executive and Army officer, he was recently honoured with an OBE in 2026.	

Charlotte Adams	Dr Charlotte Adams has a diverse career spanning consultancy, academia and the public sector. She became the UK National Geothermal Centre's first CEO in 2024. Trained as a hydrogeologist specialising in minewater treatment, Charlotte's long interest in geothermal was sparked as she realised the warmth in the waters she tested. She realised her ambition by working with the Mining Remediation Authority to deliver the UK's largest geothermal heat scheme at Gateshead. Her work has featured on Countryfile, The One Show, ITV Tonight, and Channel 4 News. She has received awards from the Geological Society and The Energy Institute for her contributions to geothermal energy.	
Chong Ng	Dr Chong Ng leads a specialist team at Catapult Offshore Renewable Energy conducting applied research in the areas of offshore renewable energy covering turbine blades, powertrains, and electrical infrastructure.	
Claire Copeland	Claire is the Policy Fellow for the UK National Clean Maritime Hub and holds a PhD degree in Science and Technology Policy from the Science Policy Research Unit at Sussex University. She has previously undertaken research for the Centre for Energy System Integration (CESI) on energy futures, the Centre for Research into Energy Demand Solutions (CREDS) on local decarbonisation measures and a research fellowship at the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST) on the future of natural gas in the UK.	
Costanza Concetti	Costanza Concetti is a Research Fellow in the Department of Politics and International Studies (PAIS) at the University of Warwick, having joined in 2026. She is currently working on the UKERC project 'Geopolitical Economy of Low Emissions Transitions' led by Professor Gavin Bridge, which explores the geography and political economy of grid-enabled battery storage in the UK as well as the emerging geopolitics of international electricity interconnectors. Her research centres on the politics of energy transitions, with a focus on both the (in)justice of transition processes and on the role of the technical and the material in shaping transition policies and strategies.	

Craig Richardson	Craig Richardson is the Chief Executive Officer at East Durham Community Development Trust. He is committed to tackling inequality and helping communities benefit from renewable energy.	
Daniel Atzori	Daniel Atzori is Head of Intelligence at inspiratia, a London-based provider of news, data and analysis on energy transition and infrastructure. He leads a team of analysts and data specialists tracking how capital flows into energy assets and how policy and market design shape investor appetite. He was previously Research Partner at Cornwall Insight, working on UK energy policy, regulation and markets. Daniel holds a PhD in Government and International Affairs from Durham University and is a member of the Durham Energy Institute Advisory Board. He is the author of a book published by Routledge.	
Danielle Johnson	Professor Danielle Johnson's research focusses primarily on the social dimensions of climate change vulnerability and adaptation. She is particularly interested in how ethnographic and participatory research can add nuance to discussions of climate justice, (in)equality, and lived experience, and (in combination with other disciplines) may contribute to insightful and responsible climate-related decisions, policy, and practice. She has an enduring interest in people-place relationships, the connection between human health, wellbeing, and the natural world, and what this means for how we adapt to climate change. She currently work as a PDRA on the SAT-Guard project, alongside Professor Simone Abram. The SAT-Guard project aims to enhance UK power grid resilience in the context of intensifying climate hazards, the net zero energy transition, and ongoing social, health, and spatial inequality.	

Danny Donoghue	Professor Donoghue has a broadly based research profile that covers applications of remote sensing technology in the fields of spectrometry, forestry, coastal ecology, land use change and archaeology. He has developed processing methods for high spectral resolution optical imaging including a commercial image-processing package (T-Spectra). Recent projects include studies on the use of artificial neural networks for image processing, the study of airborne thermal infrared imagery for geology and archaeology, the use of declassified space photography (e.g. CORONA) and high spatial resolution imagery for archaeological prospection (e.g. IKONOS).	
Elaine Forde	Elaine Forde is an Anthropologist. She views energy provisioning as fundamental to all human activity. Her research centres people within energy systems to understand how changes in practice emerge through the interplay of culture, infrastructure, and policy. She examines how energetic substances, technologies, and the processes that connect them come to matter in people's lives and in wider political and economic projects.	
Felix Ringel	Felix Ringel is an Associate Professor in Social Anthropology at Durham University. His work focuses on time, sustainability and urban development in postindustrial Europe. His first monograph Back to the Postindustrial Future: An Ethnography of Germany's Fastest-Shrinking City (2018, Berghahn) investigates the effects of severe population shrinkage in the German city of Hoyerswerda. It documents how the inhabitants of a city "without a future" regain their futures, providing the first ethnography of a shrinking city and new approaches to the anthropological study of the future.	

Gavin Bridge	Gavin Bridge is Professor of Economic Geography at Durham University and Fellow of the Durham Energy Institute. His research concerns the organisational forms of economic globalisation and their uneven geographical impacts, with a focus on the politics and governance of extractive industries. Gavin's long-term engagement with the extractive sector has led to work on the geographies and geopolitics of energy transition, including co-founding the Royal Geographical Society's Energy Geographies Research Group. He recently led a large collaborative project on transformation in the UK oil sector funded by UK Research and Innovation; and he is currently working with the UK Energy Research Centre on low carbon supply chains and the geopolitics of energy security & net zero.	
Guy Clark (ESA)	Guy Clark is the policy lead at the Energy Storage Association (UK), the dedicated voice of the entire energy storage value chain. The ESA represents electrical, thermal, hydro and hydrogen-based storage, across applications from the residential to the utility scale. Guy's work has centred on enabling homeowners and communities to gain the maximum benefit from a clean, distributed energy system. From leading the ESA's work on community batteries and the Warm Homes Plan, to supporting delivery of the new Home Energy Model, his focus is ensuring that small-scale storage and flexibility deliver on their huge potential to reduce consumer bills and carbon emissions.	
Helen Goodman	Helen Goodman is an External Fellow of the Durham Energy Institute and Professor in Practice in the School of Governmant and International Affairs. She was the MP for Bishop Auckland 2005-2019 and a Minister in the last Labour Government. She was on the Committee for the groundbreaking Climate Change Act which set the first Net Zero targets. She previously worked in HM Treasury where she was on the Energy Policy desk for several yearsand advised the Czech go ernment on energy policy after the fall of the Berlin Wall.	

Helen Stockton	Helen is the Head of Research at national fuel poverty charity National Energy Action (NEA) with over 15 years of applied social research experience spanning the quantitative and qualitative paradigms. She oversees a broad and varied programme of social research for the Charity that foregrounds the lived experience of fuel poverty. Research interests include social policy, energy and social justice and poverty. She is enthusiastic about exploring the ways knowledge can be brokered between academia, policy and practice.	
Hong Sun	Professor Hongjian Sun received his Ph.D. degree at the University of Edinburgh (U.K.) and then took postdoctoral positions at King's College London (U.K.) and Princeton University (USA). Since April 2013, he has been with the Department of Engineering at the University of Durham. He is the Director of Research and Professor (Chair) in Smart Grid in the Department of Engineering, a Chartered Engineer, a Fellow of Durham Energy Institute, and a Fellow of Higher Education Academy.	
Jack Beckwith	I've worked across three social housing associations in the North East for eight years now, mostly focussed on getting funding for home energy improvement work to homes, such as insulation, solar panels, and heat pumps. I'm currently the Asset Net Zero Strategy Manager at Thirteen Housing, a Teesside based housing association that manages ~36,000 homes. Alongside responsibility for retrofit funding, my team and I also cover how these works and efficiency measures are communicated to residents. I'm very keen to chat about anything related to housing or Environmental Humanities (my MA at Durham completed a few years ago)!	

Jen Wilson	Jennifer Wilson is a doctoral researcher at Durham University within the Department of Engineering and Fellow of Durham Energy Institute. Her research focuses on interdisciplinary approaches to knowledge engineering in wind energy. Drawing on over 15 years' experience across a range of education sectors, she also has an interest in the intersection of digitalisation and learning communities, particularly the role that knowledge sharing communities can play in wind energy digitalisation. Jennifer is also a Part Time Lecturer at Teesside University School of Computing, Engineering and Digital Technologies, and is passionate about collaborative and sociotechnical approaches to data challenges.	
Jessica Hogan	Jessica's research has focused on community energy and achieving a just transition. She is particularly passionate about finding avenues to more meaningfully engage and bring communities along on the net zero journey. Jessica holds a PhD in geography and sustainable development from the University of St Andrews, where she demonstrated how community ownership and local context influence acceptance of onshore wind energy projects in Scotland and Newfoundland, Canada. Drawing on this background, she leads Regen's stakeholder research support team, providing support and methodological guidance to ensure high-quality stakeholder research across projects.	

Joanna Berry	Professor in Entrepreneurship and Associate Dean (Engagement) at Durham University Business School, I also serve as Director of Business Engagement for Durham University's Global Energy Institute. My work connects STEM, entrepreneurship, innovation and industry, with a particular focus on energy, advanced manufacturing and inclusive economic development. I hold an MBA and PhD, following an initial law degree at the University of Oxford and early legal practice in South Africa. Alongside academic leadership, I mentor entrepreneurs, researchers and emerging professionals, helping translate technical expertise and research into commercial, societal and organisational impact. Recognised with Durham University's Enhancing Learning and Teaching: Digital and Online Learning Award and Academic Tutor of the Year, I am committed to student development, applied learning and widening participation. I actively champion women in STEM and inclusive leadership through the Northern Power Women Power List, the Advanced Manufacturing Forum and wider professional networks. I am also a trustee and director of Acumen Community Buildings, an international governor, and a regular speaker on entrepreneurship, STEM leadership, wellbeing, mental health, equality, diversity and inclusion.	

Kate Webb	Kate joined DEI in October 2023 after a long career in Dentistry. She started as an Apprentice, completing her apprenticeship course with a distinction and winning Durham University 'Professional Services Apprentice of the Year 2024'. Kate provides the administration services for DEI, the Centre for Postgraduate Training in Energy and the UK Energy Futures project. She is also Secretariat for the Energi Coast Innovation Group. She is currently studying a part time Degree Apprenticeship in Chartered Management as part of her role. In her spare time, she is Secretary of her local cricket club and their ladies team. She's also a keen allotmenteer, mam to Penny (a cocker spaniel!), reader and cross-stitcher.	
Katie Daniels	Katie has experience of working in research and administration management with several departments across the university, and has worked with DEI previously in the Energy Centre for Doctoral Training. Katie's role at the DEI involves supporting energy researchers to develop partnerships, collaborations and impact.	
Katie Privett	Katie Privett heads up the North East and Yorkshire regional team for NESO's Regional Energy Strategic Planning function.	
Laura Marsiliani	Laura Marsiliani (Chair) is the Durham University Business School Associate Dean for Ethics, Responsibility and Sustainability (ERS). She is a Professor of Economics and a Co-Director of the Centre for Environmental and Energy Economics (CE3) at Durham University Business School. Her research interests focus on energy and environmental economics. She is a fellow of the DEI and CSDLP and a Principal Investigator of the Durham University interdisciplinary research initiative JusTN0W (Just Transition to a Net Zero World) which explores ways to spearhead a green and fair transition at global, national and local level and includes engagement on capacity building with international stakeholders.	

Laurence Carpanini	Laurence Carpanini is an independent energy strategy and technology consultant with over 30 years' experience in the industry and a reputation as an innovative 'critical friend' and NED. Prior to becoming an independent adviser, Laurence led the strategic development of Smarter Energy Solutions for IBM in Europe, having established IBM's smart metering and smart grid practice as a leader in the UK&I market. Over many years he has played a leading role in defining, communicating and deploying smart energy systems and technologies in the UK and Europe, working at the interface between future energy strategy, regulation, networks and technology; and has successfully led international consortia securing major innovation funding through programmes including EU Horizon 2020 and Ofgem's LCNF, LCNI and NIA. Laurence is a Lay Member of Council of Swansea University, where he chairs the Remuneration Committee; Chairman of Durham University's Energy Institute Advisory Board; President of the Energy Industries Club; a Chartered Engineer and Member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers; and a Fellow of the Energy Institute.	

Lisa Bunting	Lisa has been at the forefront of the renewable energy sector since 2008, carving out a reputation as a specialist in flexibility services and IoT-connected energy solutions. Throughout her career, she has helped major corporate and public sector organisations unlock their energy flexibility and realise the full value of demand side response. Bringing this deep expertise into the residential space, Lisa now plays a key role within Centrica's Research division, Energised Futures translating complex energy innovation into meaningful benefits for households. As Commercial Lead for the pioneering Work with Hive programme, she connected a suite of market leading net-zero devices into the Hive ecosystem, giving customers more choice, smarter optimisation, and greater savings. Lisa is spearheading collaborations that accelerate a greener, fairer future—working with partners who share a commitment to driving real world impact and advancing the transition to net zero	
Lynn Gibson	Lynn has worked at Durham University since 2002, spending twelve years in the Research Office before becoming Institute Manager at the Durham Energy Institute in 2014. She holds a degree in Management and Business Administration and oversees HR, events, budgets, office management and committee support. Lynn also manages relationship with Rdhills, Beamish and the Durham Miners' Association. Beyond the University, she is Company Secretary and Director of Durham Mining Museum, a founding member of the Women's Banner Group and National Women's Action for Positive Change, a Redhills volunteer guide, a Beamish Museum volunteer, and a Unite the Union Equalities Workplace Representative for staff and colleagues.	
Mary Foy MP	Mary Kelly Foy is a British Labour Party politician serving as the Member of Parliament (MP) for the City of Durham since the 2019 general election. She is a member of the Socialist Campaign Group parliamentary caucus. She is a Trade Unionist and Socialist and loves solidarity and singing.	

Nicola Mantalios	Nicola is a Greek – Geordie Bisexual comedian and has become a much loved comedian in and around the North East, first coming on to the professional scene in 2018 she quickly became loved by her bookers and audiences. She took a couple of years staying within the North East due to family commitments, now the family can survive without her, she's ready to get her name known in every city. Nicola regularly MC's The Newcastle Stand, runs her own gigs, one being the very successful 'Queers and Beers" which is the main queer comedy night in Newcastle.	
Nima Gerami Seresht	Dr Nima Gerami-Seresht is an Assistant Professor of Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure in the Department of Engineering. Dr Gerami-Seresht received his PhD in Construction Engineering and Management, Civil Engineering from The University of Alberta in Canada (2017). Dr Gerami-Seresh has a multi-disciplinary research portfolio. His theoretical research focuses on dynamic multi-agent systems, granular computing, and building information modelling (BIM). His applied research directions are geared toward digital construction, simulating construction processes, and sustainable and resilient urban infrastructure.	
Nora Wuttke	Nora is a social anthropologist, architectural engineer and artist.She holds a degree in architecture from the Technical University of Munich (TUM). She went on to complete an MA in Social Anthropology of Development at SOAS in 2010. In 2024 she received her PhD in Social Anthropology at SOAS.Nora spent 10 years in China and Myanmar.	

Olena Tupakhina	Olena Tupakhina is Associate Professor of the Chair of German Philology and Translation, Deputy Head of the Project Management Council of Zaporizhzhya National University. Coordinator and team member of more than 20 international projects, including 4 Jean Monnet Modules: “European Project Culture”, “European Values in Literary Arts”, “Tailoring European Memory Politics for Peacemaking in Ukrainian Society”, “European Media Standards and Values for Independent Journalism in Post-Truth Era”. O.Tupakhina’s research interests comprise decoding values in works of art and cultural products, axiology, European values, trauma theory, European memory politics, history of European literature, project management and internationalization of higher education. The results of her research are summarized in over 50 topical papers in peer reviewed Ukrainian and international journals	
Paavo Tertsunen	Paavo Tertsunen is a research-oriented civil servant and doctoral researcher with expertise in qualitative research, strategic analysis, and energy infrastructure. Paavo has worked for the Finnish government since February 2021 and currently serve as a Preparedness Specialist at the Finnish National Emergency Supply Agency (NESA). Paavo is pursuing a doctoral degree at LUT University (2025-2028), where his research focuses on the resilience of energy infrastructure. His academic interests include infrastructure reliability and resilience, particularly the professional practices, organisational arrangements, and forms of expertise through which resilience is built and maintained. He holds an MSc (Technology) in Sustainability Science and an MSc in Security and Strategic Analysis. At NESA, his work primarily involves preparedness exercises, training activities, and research and development projects.	

Ross Lowrie	Ross is the Principal Manager for Low Carbon Growth & Net Zero at the North East Combined Authority, developing the policy, partnerships and programmes needed to support innovation, develop skills, nurture regional supply chains and enable Net Zero finance to flow. Ross has over a decade of experience in low carbon energy regulation at both a national and regional level, including leading regulatory policy for hydropower, tidal and geothermal; developing innovative regulatory approaches to enabling net zero industrial clusters; and representing the Environment Agency on the UK's Energy Research Partnership	
Rox Nicholl (East Durham Trust)	Rox Nicholl is a member of the Energising East Durham team working out of East Durham Trust. They have worked in community and volunteer development for over a decade, including developing consultation processes that create safe and collaborative spaces. Their expertise in community energy comes more from an ability to listen to marginalised communities, rather than understanding the technical workings of wind turbines. When not working, they live in Sunderland with a cat and far too many books.	
Sarah Tennison	Sarah Tennison is the Head of Clean Growth Strategy and Impact at Innovate UK. Sarah is responsible for developing Innovate UK's Net Zero Strategy and maximising the impact from clean growth innovation programmes. Previously Sarah was responsible for the transition to a net zero economy in one of the most industrialised and energy intensive locations in the UK. Sarah established and chaired Teesside Collective, a consortium of leading energy intensive industries to establish Teesside as the go-to location for future clean industrial development. This led to Teesside Net Zero, one of the UK's more developed and deliverable carbon capture and storage projects led by a consortium of major oil and gas companies	
Simone Abram	Simone is a social anthropologist with a background in Electrical Engineering. She brings together different disciplinary perspectives on energy and society, ethical and just transitions, and the changing social and political significance of energies, particularly electricity. She is Chair of the Association of Social Anthropologists (UK).	

Steve Hall	Dr Stephen Hall is Senior Industry Research Fellow in Energy and Climate Futures. Dr Hall is a political economist of energy system transformations, his work explores the business models, regulations and social impacts of Net Zero in the UK and internationally. Dr Hall has led research collaborations on creative solutions for domestic retrofit, business model and policy innovation for Net Zero energy systems, and the social impacts of decarbonising large technical systems.	
Stuart Jones	Stuart Jones is a clastic sedimentologist that specialises in continental sedimentology, diagenesis and reservoir quality prediction. Stuart's research has focused on fluvial sedimentology and evolution within a variety of tectonic basin settings and under the influence of a variety of climatic regimes. Stuart has widely published on non-marine and applied sedimentology in peer-reviewed journals and has edited several books. He has recently c o-written with Maurice Tucker the 4th Edition of Sedimentary Petrology - a seminal text book used by sedimentologists globally.	
Susmita Koley	Dr Susmita Koley is a Postdoctoral Research Associate in the Department of Engineering at Durham University, specialising in sorption technologies for heating, cooling and seasonal thermal energy storage. Her research spans experimental development, reactor design, heat and mass transfer, system modelling, optimisation and prototype demonstration. She has contributed to various interdisciplinary projects funded by EPSRC, Leverhulme and Horizon Europe. Her work involves mine-water geothermal energy, solar-thermochemical energy storage and industrial decarbonisation. Her work focuses on translating fundamental thermal-energy research into practical, efficient and resilient low-carbon heating solutions. She is particularly interested in integrating thermal storage with local energy resources to support sustainable heating and community-scale decarbonisation.	

Teresa Geruson	Teresa is a strategist and relationship builder focused on scaling climate startups. She leads the commercial function at Airhive, a direct air capture company, where she focuses on engaging partners across the value chain to develop DAC projects and secure commercial contracts. Previously, she led strategy and partnerships at Silicate and managed projects at Tesla. She has a background in economics and a masters degree in carbon finance. Teresa views her most important task as trying to create alignment between business and climate goals.	
Tim Longstaff	Tim has spent the last decade as the London Partner leading the Energy Transition practice of Roland Berger, the largest Strategy Consultancy of European Heritage. In this capacity he has worked for a wide range of Corporate players across energy transition and technical services sectors, mostly in a Corporate Strategy or Deals environment. He was formerly MD of the Power division then CSO of WS Atkins plc, and has split his career evenly between industry and advisory work. He is a Chartered Engineer and a Fellow of the Energy Institute.	

Tony Quinn	Tony has over 40 years' experience in the field of power generation starting his career on the largest coal fired power station in Europe, witnessing first-hand our conversion to gas fired combined cycle plant and, in the last decade and a half of his career, earning his renewables credentials by overseeing the Catapult's investment in the world's largest wind turbine test facilities at National Renewable Energy Centre in Blyth. In his time, Tony successfully led ORE Catapult's delivery of critical research, test and validation services for hundreds of UK SMEs, as well as major achievements, such as securing the test and validation of one of the world's largest operational offshore wind turbine, GE Renewable Energy's Haliade X, from Catapult's Blyth site. In 2024 Tony secured an additional £100m funding from UKRI to reinvest in the site. Tony Chaired Energi Coast, the North East of England's Offshore Wind Cluster, for 5 years before stepping down earlier this year,. He is a Fellow of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. Tony is also passionate about the skills agenda and is vice chair of Energy Central Campus a unique partnership between the Port of Blyth, Northumberland County Council and the Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult, focused on creating the pipeline of talent required for the expanding clean energy sector, at the same time, inspiring, training and delivering pathways to employment for the local community	
Tony Roskilly	Professor Tony Roskilly is Chair of Energy Systems at Durham University and has 30 years of experience in the design, control, and operational optimisation of energy systems and energy management. Professor Roskilly is a Director of Durham Energy Institute, leading on Industrial and Internationalisation Strategy, and is the UK representative for the European Energy Research Alliance (EERA) Joint Programmes for Energy Efficiency in Industrial Processes (EEIP) and Energy Systems Integration (ESI).	