

Sustainability Fortnight

Careers in Construction - Sustainability

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Ali Ashpitel

Assistant Sustainability Manager at [Mace](#)



Ali is passionate about influencing the built environment, challenging the norm and finding innovative solutions to make the construction industry more efficient and sustainable. She graduated with a MEarthSci from Oxford University in 2016 with a particular focus on planetary climates and environmental change.

Ali joined Mace's Sustainability Team as a graduate in 2016. Since then she has worked on some of Mace's key projects including; The Innovation Building for Oxford University and The New UCL Student Centre, which handed over in December 2018 and is recognised as an industry leading project for sustainability.

Ali has championed the delivery of sustainability improvements throughout the wider business. She has worked on the successful implementation of Mace's Corporate Carbon Strategy, which helped Mace become the first UK construction company to sign up to RE100, committing us to 100% renewable power by 2022. In addition she has helped create Mace's bespoke Optimise reporting tool to streamline sustainability data collection across the whole business.

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Julia Barrett

Director of Sustainability at [Wilmott Dixon](#)



Julia is the Director of Re-Thinking, Wilmott Dixon's in-house sustainability team. She is passionate in her belief that a culture of sustainability can add value to customers by encouraging innovative thinking, improving project delivery and enhancing whole life product quality. Julia represents the sector on various industry and sustainability Groups. Under her leadership Wilmott Dixon has received two Queen's Awards for Enterprise: Sustainable Development (2014), Social Mobility (2018), was crowned Sustainable Company of the Year (2016) by Construction News. She was recognised as the Business Green Leaders' Sustainability Executive of the Year (2018), and

named as Women in Construction's Green Leader in 2017.

An experienced sustainability professional, Julia is a Chartered Environmentalist, a Chartered Engineer and Fellow of the Institution of Chemical Engineers. She was a senior manager at both Cambridgeshire County Council and the Environment Agency and started her career with ICI in various technical and commercial roles.

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Jon Foster

Associate Technical Specialist at [Atkins](#)

Jon is a chartered environmental management and sustainable development specialist with 23 years experience in consultancy, local government and academia. Key areas of experience with Atkins include the development and implementation of environmental and integrated management systems, development of D/CEMPs, resource efficiency, sustainable development strategy and policy, environmental law and legal compliance, waste management policy and practice, training and development and stakeholder engagement. Currently Sustainability Systems Manager at East West Rail.

Prior to joining Atkins in 2005 Jonathan was Environmental Resources Manager at Dacorum Borough Council where he headed a small team within the Chief Executive's Department with responsibility for environmental management, sustainability policy and strategy (Agenda 21), environmental auditing, legal compliance and community planning. Jonathan has also been a visiting Lecturer and Personal Tutor in Environmental Quality Management at Leicester De Monfort University and an Associate Lecturer at University College London.

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Anastasios Skitzis

Sustainability Manager: Construction at [Lendlease](#)



Anastasios is an environmental engineer interested in climate change and circular economy. He obtained his diploma at the Technical University of Crete and started his first graduate-level engineering role in 2014. His career in construction began in 2015 and since then he has been committed to promoting sustainability. Having worked on a diversity of projects with demanding environmental and sustainability objectives, Anastasios joined Lendlease in 2018 with the responsibility to deliver on his career's second 'BREEAM Outstanding' project.

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Nerissa Webb

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Nerissa is a professional engineer with international project experience across civil construction, oil and gas, mining and water industries, working in consultancy, contractor and operator environments.

Currently, Nerissa is an Environment and Sustainability Manager at Balfour Beatty. She is responsible for driving sustainable solutions and environmental excellence across the Major Projects portfolio. Nerissa was the sustainability lead for company's successful bid for HS2 and is continues to support the project as a Technical Lead. Prior to Balfour Beatty she was involved in the construction of the 2012 London Olympics, project managing the delivery of environmental work packages including remediation and verification works. Nerissa is a passionate advocate for STEM, and was previously the Vice President of Engineers Australia UK Chapter and is currently a co-chair on Balfour Beatty's Gender Balance Network.

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