Responsible investing: Good with money – Speaker biographies

Tim Manuel

Tim heads up the Responsible Investment team in the UK, leading the development and implementation of Aon's policies and solutions. He helps pension fund trustees and other investors understand the implications of responsible investing and supporting them through the practicalities of making decisions that support their wider financial objectives.

He is a senior member of Aon's Investment Consulting practice in the UK and is responsible for advising a number of trustees and corporate clients. Tim is a fellow of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries.

Peter van der Werf

Peter van der Werf is Engagement Specialist, covering the Consumer Staples, Healthcare and Chemicals sectors. His areas of expertise include impact investing, labor rights, supply chain management, access to medicine and nutrition and social & environmental issues in the Food & Agri sector. He is an Advisory Committee member of a number of PRI working groups such as Agricultural Supply Chain, Sustainable Palm Oil and Deforestation. Peter gained over four years of professional experience in business development in frontier markets before joining Robeco in 2011. He holds a Master's in Environmental Sciences from Wageningen University.

Claire Curtin

Claire Curtin joined the PPF investment team as Head of ESG in May 2018 to support the PPF's ambitions to further develop and implement its Responsible Investment strategy. Claire is responsible for contributing to the management of long-term risks, and to the achievement of long-term sustainable investment returns, by aligning the PPF's investment portfolio with the consideration of environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) factors. Claire has over 18 years of experience within financial services and ESG research, during which she has built a deep technical understanding of ESG issues across a wide range of asset classes. She was awarded the Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst designation in 2007.

David Czupryna

David has been the Head of ESG Client Portfolio Management at Candriam since joining the firm in September 2018. As a member of the team of SRI analysts and portfolio managers, David's role is to deliver Candriam's unique blend of sustainability credentials and market wisdom to European investors. Before that, David led the growth of SRI strategies in German speaking countries at Sycomore Asset Management and in Northern Europe at Erste Asset Management. David started his career with BNP Paribas in London on the equity derivative structuring desk.

David holds an MBA from the University of Cambridge as well as Masters degrees in political science from the Free University of Brussels and the Catholic University of Louvain.

Frances Deakin

Frances is responsible for overseeing arrangements for stewardship and responsible investment (RI) on behalf of LPP and its clients. Frances ensures LPP's policies and procedures support the business' commitment to sustainable stewardship and reflect best practice in line with the UK Stewardship Code and LPP's commitments as a signatory to the Principles of Responsible Investment.

Frances joined LPP in 2016 from Lancashire County Pension Fund (LCPF), one of LPP's founding clients, where she spent 16 years in progressive roles within public sector financial management including accountancy, exchequer, and partnerships. Frances graduated from Lancaster University (BA (Hons), M.Phil.) and is a qualified Chartered Public Finance Accountant.

Edward Mason

Edward is Head of Responsible Investment at the Church Commissioners for England whose £8.2bn endowment supports the ministry of the Church of England. Edward is responsible for the implementation of the Commissioners' ethical and responsible investment commitments. He took up his position in 2014 having previously served for five years as Secretary of the Church of England Ethical Investment Advisory Group which advises the Commissioners and the other national investing bodies of the Church on ethical investment.

Edward sits on the UK Sustainable Investment and Finance (UKSIF) Policy Committee, the Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC) Policy Group and the Oxford University Socially Responsible Investment Review Committee.

Prior to working at the Church of England, Edward served for 15 years as a British diplomat, leaving in 2005 to help establish the diplomatic advisory group Independent Diplomat. He holds a degree in History from Oxford University.

Caroline Ramscar

Caroline Ramscar is Head of Sustainable Solutions, a new role created to develop LGIM's sustainable strategy. She is responsible for engaging with clients on sustainability and the development of responsible investment solutions. Caroline joined LGIM in September 2013 initially working with L&G Group on its business initiatives with LGIM. She previously worked for Financial Risk Management (FRM) where she was Head of Relationship Management responsible for product launches as well as changes to the wider business. Caroline worked in prime brokerage at UBS where she coordinated hedge fund launches. She started her career in the finance division of Goldman Sachs. Caroline has a degree in International Management and French from the University of Bath. As part of her degree she worked for a year at Barclays in Paris.

Anita Bhatia

Anita is Investment Director at Guy's and St Thomas' Charity, where she is responsible for the investment activities of the Charity's endowment and leads the development and implementation of the Charity's impact investing activities including portfolio construction, investment selection and ongoing monitoring.

Previously, Anita was at Barclays developing impact investment funds for the retail and institutional market. Her prior experience includes external fund investments in alternative strategies at AXA Investment Managers.

Anita is currently a Non-Executive Director at Resonance Ltd, a UK impact funds and venture business, and is Chair of its Risk Committee. She also sits on a number of limited partner and investor advisory committees of various investment funds. Anita holds a Master's degree in Law from the University of Cambridge and a Bachelor's degree from Queen Mary University of London. She is both a CFA and CAIA Charterholder.