

UK MINING CONFERENCE
IN CORNWALL



PROGRAMME OF EVENTS



Mining Week commencing Monday 8 June 2026

Princess Pavilion & Gyllyngdune Gardens

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National Maritime Museum

Discovery Quay, Falmouth, TR11 3QY

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Welcome

Welcome

On behalf of the organising committee, thank you for joining us at this year's UK Mining Conference here in Cornwall. This event is one of many visionary projects brought to life by Jeremy Wrathall, growing from fewer than 100 attendees in its first year to more than 500 today.

Purpose

Our aim is to bring together professionals from across the mining and geothermal sectors and create a unique platform for sharing knowledge. From exploration and investment to production, beneficiation and marketing, our delegates represent every stage of the supply chains.

Content

The main conference is complemented by the Geothermal Forum, the Geologists' Workshop, the Investors' Congress and the Inside Mining Seminar. Alongside these sessions, a Cornish pub supper, networking buffet and Gala Dinner offer the perfect blend of business, conversation and Cornish culture.

Speakers

This year's agenda highlights new discoveries and innovative approaches to both historic and active mine sites. Our speakers will share practical case studies and insights.

Conference etiquette

The theatre seats 320 people and operates on a first-come basis. Additional outdoor screens are available in the café and marquee, with seating provided. We kindly ask that you avoid entering or leaving the theatre while a speaker is presenting.

Delegates

We are delighted to welcome participants from more than 18 countries, including Australia, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Poland, Scotland, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Turkey, the USA, Wales and England—along with the ancient Celtic kingdom of Kernow.

Networking opportunities

Refreshments will be served during each break in the café and marquee, where you'll also find our exhibitors and outdoor screens.

Photography

A photographer and videographer are on site to capture the atmosphere of the event. If you prefer not to be photographed, simply let them know. If you'd like a group photo, let them know that too.

Finally

A heartfelt thank you to our speakers and to our sponsors, whose support makes this event possible. We also extend our gratitude to the Conference Planning Committee for their guidance and commitment to the continued growth of these events. Please introduce yourself to them, share what's working well, and let us know your ideas for the future.

Enjoy your time in Falmouth.

Jay One Events

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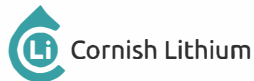
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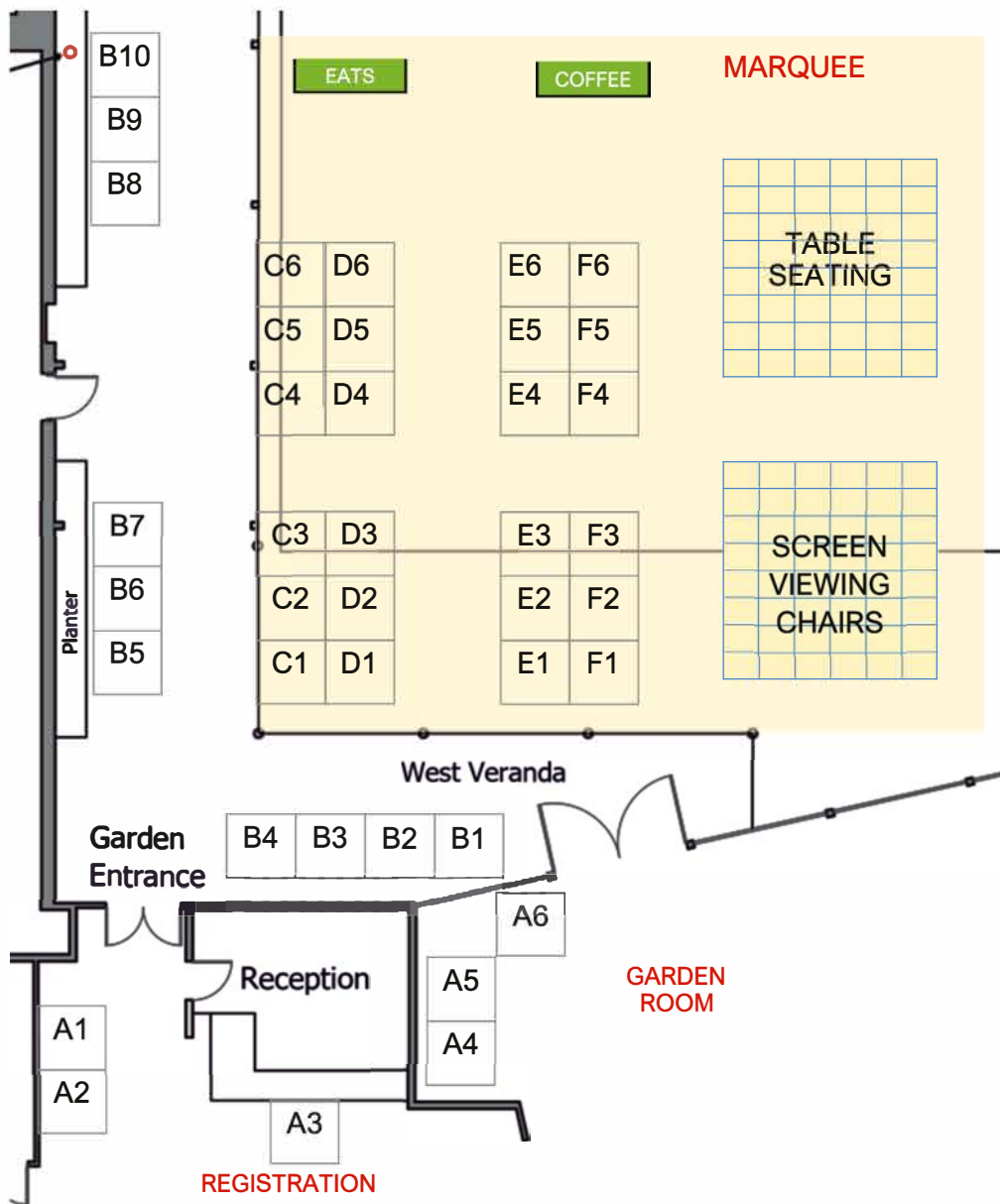
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Exhibitors



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A1	UKMC
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A4	Cornish Metals
A5	UK Export Finance
A6	Cornish Lithium
B1	AFX
B2	BJD Crushers
B3	MineCycle
B4	Atlantic Pumps
B5	Aberdeen Minerals
B6	Geodex Consultants Ltd
B7	Zitron
B8	Verder Ltd
B9	Minerals Matter & Women in Mining UK
B10	CSM

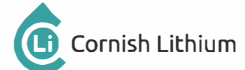
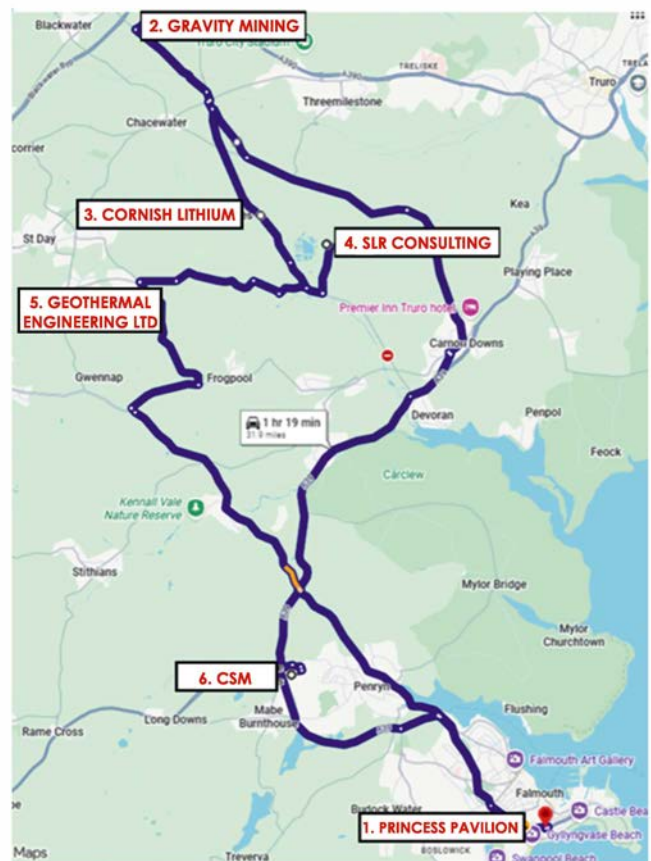
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D4	Axial Exploration & Drilling
D5	Cornwall Resources

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E3	Kingfisher Industrial Ltd
E4	Bruker UK Ltd
E5	Sepro Mineral Systems
F1	CMGA
F2	International Lithium Assn
F3	Walkersons
F4	MintMech Ltd
F5	T-T Pumps Ltd

Site Visits & Bus trip

Monday 8 June

TIME	BUS TRIP TIMETABLE
9.30am	Princess Pavilion 41 Melvill Road, Falmouth, TR11 4AR
10.10am	Gravity Mining Kea Downs Business Park, Blackwater, TR4 8HU Manufacturer of the multi gravity separator, a Cornish invention. Specialist equipment used in fine mineral processing of many critical minerals.
11.20am	Cornish Lithium Cross Lanes, Truro, TR3 6EF A developing lithium production facility following extensive exploration drilling & water testing.
12.00 noon	SLR Consulting Ltd House Wheal Jane, Earth Science Park, Baldhu, Truro, TR3 6EH Solving sustainability challenges in the mining sector with mineral processing & metallurgical testing facilities.
1.00pm	LUNCH at GEL
1.40pm	Geothermal Engineering Ltd (GEL) United Downs Deep Geothermal Power Project St Day, TR16 5HY Home of the UK's first operational geothermal power plant & the first commercial-scale geothermal lithium carbonate plant.
3.30pm	Camborne School of Mines (CSM) Penryn, TR10 9EZ A world-class laboratory equipped with advanced technology for training future mining engineers & geologists.
5.00pm	Princess Pavilion



Other site visits this year

Holman & Wilfley

Shaking tables for gravity separation

Cornish Tin

For investors only

Cornwall Resources

Redmoor tungsten-tin-copper project

Eden Geothermal

Supplier of geothermal heat for the Eden Project

MiniMech Ltd

Pre-official opening tour to the new Automation, Manufacturing & Engineering Centre (AMEC)

Meadow Barns

Centre for climate hope

Monday 8 & Friday 12 June



Golf

Monday 8 June

The GallifordTry Golf Tournament takes place at the Falmouth Golf Club, nestled above Falmouth Bay in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), the golf course has stunning views of Swanpool and Maenporth beaches and fairways hugging the Cornish coastline.

This 18 hole golf course offers impeccably maintained fairways and greens with relaxing sea breezes and sweeping ocean views.

According to GolfHolidays.com, "panoramic views are found from almost every tee but don't get distracted as this courses requires utmost concentration to score well."


GallifordTry



Geothermal Forum

Tuesday 9 June

Welcome to Cornwall and to our second Geothermal Forum!

There is real momentum around geothermal in the UK. Today – together – we have an opportunity to turn that momentum into action. We want today to count, so we have arranged the day to be informative and interactive.

We have some fantastic experts on the stage across our four sessions: deep geothermal, co-generation with critical minerals, minewater geothermal and investment in geothermal. The format will be short presentations followed by panel discussions, with plenty of opportunity for audience questions and debate.

Later, our breakout sessions will bring people together to tackle barriers, share experiences and identify practical solutions that can help accelerate geothermal deployment in the UK. We encourage everyone to get stuck in, to discuss and challenge ideas, and to build new connections.

We're especially pleased to welcome the students joining us today. As our sector grows, geothermal needs new talent, fresh thinking and ambitious people willing to help shape the future. We hope today gives you the chance to engage with the community, ask questions, make connections and see the opportunities ahead in our burgeoning UK geothermal sector.

The expertise in this room is extraordinary. Let's bring that expertise and collective energy together with an open spirit, and aim to leave today further ahead than where we started, with stronger personal connections and practical plans for action that will further the deployment of geothermal in the UK.

Thank you for being part of today's Geothermal Forum. We look forward to your active participation.

Anne and Lisl

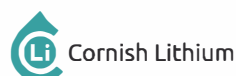
Anne & Lisl

Anne Murrell and Lisl Lewis
Geothermal UK



09.00	REGISTRATION & COFFEE	
10.00	Welcome & housekeeping Anne Murrell	Geothermal UK
10.10 SESSION 1: DEEP GEOTHERMAL		
	Ross Lowrie	North East Combined Authority
	Ali Salisbury	Eden Geothermal
	Tom Olver	Geothermal Engineering Ltd
	Panel discussion with above speakers Moderator Robin Shail	Exeter University
11.10	BREAK	
11.30 SESSION 2: CRITICAL MINERALS		
	Adam Matthews	Cornish Lithium plc
	Stewart Dickson	Weardale Lithium
	TBC	Geothermal Engineering Ltd
	Panel discussion with above speakers Moderator Ola Zawalna	Cornwall Mining & Geothermal Alliance
12.30 SESSION 3: MINEWATER GEOTHERMAL PART 1		
	Stephen McDonald	Durham County Council
	Tony Bennett	TS Bennett Consulting
	Mikey van Mourik	TownRock Energy
	Panel discussion with above speakers Moderator Michelle Bentham	British Geological Survey
13.00	LUNCH	

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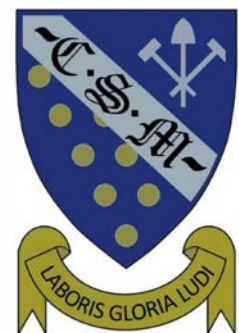
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14.00	MINEWATER GEOTHERMAL PART 2	
	Welcome back, Anne Murrell	Geothermal UK
	Panel discussion continued	
14.30	INVESTMENT IN GEOTHERMAL	
	Ian Rodger	Salix
	Geoff Smith	Stout Park Ltd
	Hywel Rees	Infracare
	Panel discussion with above speakers	
	Moderator Caroline Carroll	Cornwall Trade & Investment
15.15	BREAK	
15.30	WORKING GROUPS	
	Across the generations	
	Region-to-region	
	Tin mines to coal mines	
	Academic and industry	
16.40	Feedback from working groups Summary of learnings from panel sessions Wrap up & next steps	
17.00	Finish	
	HAPPY HOUR AT THE BAR	

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Anne Murrell
Lead
Geothermal UK



Anne worked in the geothermal sector in Bavaria for many years. She acted at city, state and national level in Germany to extend opportunities for geothermal development, whilst working as project developer with local communities in Bavaria to realise deep geothermal projects.

Anne currently leads Geothermal UK, the industry coalition accelerating geothermal. Geothermal UK brings stakeholders together for aligned action to raise awareness and build policy and investment frameworks enabling geothermal development.



Ross Lowrie
Head of Clean Energy & Environment
The North East Combined Authority



Ross is experienced in clean energy policy and strategy, climate change adaptation, decarbonisation technologies and approaches, rural funding and support with green finance.

He specialises in energy and environmental leadership, public sector leadership, decarbonisation; climate change adaptation; developing partnerships and external funding; managing people and teams.



Alistair Salisbury
Senior Geologist
Eden Geothermal



Ali is a Senior Geologist at Eden Geothermal with almost nine years' experience in geothermal and critical mineral exploration where he leads on the geological aspects of the Eden site development from resource characterisation to drilling technologies.

With a technical background in exploration techniques and exploration drilling, Ali's role also supports the Eden team with building feasibility level studies for businesses across Cornwall and the UK who want to decarbonise their industrial process with deep geothermal solutions.

Having led major geothermal exploration drilling campaigns in Cornwall this makes Ali a specialist in all aspects of running exploration programmes, from desk-based assessments, planning and permitting through to getting rocks out of the ground and hydrogeological and geochemical testing.



Tom Olver
Research & Technical Manager
Geothermal Engineering Ltd



Tom Olver is the Research & Technical Manager at GEL, working in a technical capacity across various parts of the company, from early site development to plant operation, as well as the management of grant-funded research projects.

Tom has a PhD in Geology, which focused on the petrological study of magma evolution at Mount Taranaki in New Zealand.

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Robin Shail

Associate Professor of Geology
Camborne School of Mines
Department of Earth &
Environmental Science

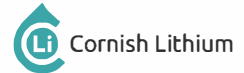


Robin is an Associate Professor of Geology at Camborne School of Mines (CSM), based at the University of Exeter's Penryn Campus. He has 40 years of research experience on South West England geology, including tectonics, structural geology, granites, mineralisation and deep geothermal energy. Robin has a strong record of collaborative research, and knowledge transfer, with regional minerals and geothermal companies.



Adam Matthews

Chief Geologist
Cornish Lithium



Adam is the Chief Geologist for Cornish Lithium's Geothermal team, where he leads the full subsurface lifecycle, from desk-based exploration, through drilling and resource classification for the company's geothermal lithium programme. As one of the organisation's earliest team members, he has seen the workstream from initial concept through to today's demonstration activities at the Cross Lanes Lithium Project.

With almost nine years' experience in critical mineral exploration from geothermal waters, Adam is a technical specialist in this emerging resource, which offers a small-footprint alternative to traditional mining and represents a key step toward a resilient, UK-based lithium supply.



Stewart Dickson

CEO
Weardale Lithium Ltd



Stewart Dickson has been the Chief Executive Officer of Variscan Mines Ltd (ASX:VAR) since May 2017. During this time, the company has significantly progressed exploration and development strategies for its core assets in northern and central Spain. Stewart is also a consultant/non-executive director of Russia-based gold and silver producer Trans-Siberian Gold plc, which owns controlling interests in a portfolio of mineral deposits. He is also a company director of UK private company FELDI Ltd, a group providing consultancy services to client companies across the globe.

Prior to his career in mining, Stewart was a commissioned officer in the British Army. He has a Bachelor of Arts (honours in geography) from University College London (UCL) and a Master in Business Administration from Henley Business School. He also graduated from The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.



Ola Zawalna

Managing Director
Cornwall Mining & Geo-
Resources Alliance (CMGA)



Ola is the Managing Director of the Cornwall Mining & Geo-Resources Alliance (CMGA). She holds a PhD in Geology from the University of Auckland, New Zealand, specialising in volcanology and geochemistry and an MSc in Marine Geography from the University of Szczecin, Poland. Ola's career spans research, industry and strategic programme coordination, with roles ranging from Research Fellow to Project Manager across several departments at the University of Exeter, including the Camborne School of Mines, the Renewable Energy Group, the Business School and Exeter Innovation.

She also brings industry experience as a basin modeller and geochemist in the oil and gas sector. Ola has extensive experience delivering complex, multi-stakeholder initiatives with international reach, drawing on her broad technical and managerial expertise to support collaboration across academia, industry and government. Her multidisciplinary background and global perspective underpin her work in advancing Cornwall's critical minerals and wider geo-resources ecosystem.

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Stephen McDonald
Energy & Sustainability Manager
Durham County Council



Stephen has been involved with everything energy and sustainability-related in 20 years of local Government. He has covered things from climate change strategies, energy efficiency advice, renewable energy schemes, electric vehicle infrastructure, funding, heat networks, communications and engagement.

The thing he is most proud of is the development of the many staff that have come through his team that have either stayed with the Council or have gone onto bigger and better things.



**Tony Bennett CEng, BSc,
MIMMM, ACSM**
TS Bennett Consulting



Tony was born in Cornwall and graduated from Camborne School of Mines in 1980 with a degree in Mining. He worked on the CSM hot dry rocks Geothermal Project from 1980 – 1991 as a technical engineer, during which time became a Chartered Engineer. From the early 1990s he spent over 15 years working for a Cornish based consultancy company carrying out risk assessment and ground investigations for mining related subsidence.

He joined EGS Energy Ltd in 2010 as Operations Manager to plan, design and develop a deep geothermal heat and power plant at the Eden Project, until the end of Phase 1 in 2023. Also, from 2018 - 2021 was part-time Assistant Project Manager at the United Downs Deep Geothermal Project. Currently Operations Director for EGS Energy and a geothermal consultant. Pastime interests include the restoration of a former tin mine in West Cornwall as a mining heritage project.



Mikey van Mourik
Senior Hydrogeologist
TownRock Energy Ltd



Mikey is a Senior Hydrogeologist at TownRock Energy with over eight years of experience spanning the consultancy, charity and public sectors. His career began in the Australian mining industry and expanded to rural water supply initiatives in Madagascar before returning to the UK. Mikey often applies a hands-on approach to complex hydrogeological challenges, having supervised major drilling projects across three continents.

Since starting at TownRock Energy, one of Mikey's main focuses is on transforming abandoned flooded coal mines into mine water geothermal schemes. He helps deliver the entire project lifecycle, from subsurface modelling and feasibility studies to borehole drilling, hydraulic testing and regulatory compliance. He strongly believes that there is large potential for legacy mining infrastructure to be repurposed for sustainable heat generation. Mikey is eager to demonstrate how these historic assets can become key components of our renewable future through innovative system design and subsurface understanding



Michelle Bentham
Chief Scientist for Decarbonisation &
Resource Management
British Geological Survey



Michelle is the Chief Scientist for Decarbonisation and Resource Management at the British Geological Survey. She is a geoscientist with over 25 years of experience in the field of energy decarbonisation at BGS, working with the research community, industry and government.

She currently oversees the delivery of fundamental scientific research to decarbonise energy and industry, to use resources more optimally and to expand the delivery of affordable, sustainable energy across the world.

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Ian Rodger
Director of Public Sector
Decarbonisation
Salix Finance



Ian is a proven and experienced programme manager and engineer with a track record in delivering high quality results in complex and challenging conditions. The ability to quickly understand key issues and make the correct decisions has enabled him to be successful in all his previous roles.

He has considerable experience in leading and managing teams of skilled engineers to implement, plan and deliver projects and programmes under severe resource constraints to meet tight deadlines.



Geoffrey Smith
Managing Director
Stout

Geoffrey has over 35 years' experience in finance, working for a variety of private and government bodies. He is currently an MD at Stout, a US investment bank, and is working on a number of energy transition projects. Before this, he was instrumental in setting up the UK Infrastructure Bank (now the National Wealth Fund) and is passionate about the opportunities for geothermal in the UK.

Geoffrey served in the British Army and is now a keen sailor.



Hywel Rees
Co-Founder & CEO
Infracare Partners Ltd



Hywel has spent over 30 years investing in and operating large, complex, highly regulated, engineering led infrastructure businesses in sectors as diverse as heavy industry, social infrastructure, transportation and utilities in the UK, Europe and Australia, working closely with local, regional and national government, regulators, financial institutions and multinational strategics.

After long careers with AMP Capital and Ferrovial, Hywel is current co-founder and Chief Executive of Infracare Partners Ltd, an investment platform focussed on heat networks and healthcare infrastructure. Infracare Partners Ltd is supported by some of the UK's largest and best known infrastructure partners.



Caroline Carroll
Industrial Development Lead
Cornwall Council



Caroline is the industrial development lead for renewable energy, critical minerals, marine and space at Cornwall Council, and is based in Camborne in Cornwall.

She holds a masters degree in energy policy from Plymouth University.

Caroline has held several senior roles within the council, including Senior Trade and Investment Manager, for Cornwall Trade and Investment. Prior to that she worked as Senior Development Advisor and Clean Energy Advisor at Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION			
14.00	Fraser Gardiner	Aberdeen Minerals	Welcome, background on the workshop and its aims
14.05	James McFarlane	Sarn Helen Gold (SHG)	Introduction to the workshop structure and ground rules
			Feedback on Geothermal Forum in morning
1. EXPLORATION GEOLOGY			
14.15	Jasper Thomas (formerly SHG)	SRK	Straightening out the crooked record: Welsh Gold without much direction
14.35	Fraser Gardiner	Aberdeen Minerals	Refining a geological model under cover: the Ar-thrath experience
14.55	Lauren Beveridge	Cornish Metals	Threading the needle: challenges of directional drilling around historic workings
15.15	BREAK		SPONSORED BY BARA CONSULTING
2. MINING GEOLOGY			
15.45	Zoe Scannell	Bara Consulting	Sponginess and ferruginous: knowing your enemy at the Hemerdon deposit
16.05	Rachael Paul	Acrux Gold	From eye balling to photon calling: the evolution of underground grade control at Cononish Gold Mine
16.25	Laurie Hassall	Snowden Optiro	From rainfall to recovery: solving mine-to-mill reconciliation at Hemerdon
16.45	James McFarlane		Wrap up and thanks
17.00	HAPPY HOUR		SPONSORED BY SLR

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Welcome to the second Geologists' Workshop.

This event was originally conceived by Fraser Gardiner of Aberdeen Minerals, and this year it's being confidently steered by James McFarlane.

The aim is simple: to spotlight real-world, practical geological problem-solving from the often-unsung but highly capable geologists working behind the scenes.

After the talks, we'll open the floor for a Q&A session to allow plenty of time for discussion.

As James says, "I'm pretty chuffed with the tenor of speakers we have."

Enjoy the afternoon.



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Geologists' Workshop Speakers

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Fraser Gardiner
CEO
Aberdeen Minerals Ltd



Fraser is a geologist with a 29 year career in industry. Since graduating with a BSc in Geology and Applied Geology from the University of Glasgow, he has worked as a geologist and exploration manager on discovery, exploration and mine development projects for gold, copper, tungsten and nickel in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and South East Asia. Prior roles have included Exploration Manager for Barrick in Saudi Arabia, Exploration Manager in Laos and Chief Operating Officer for Ormonde Mining plc.

Fraser joined Aberdeen Minerals as CEO in July 2022 and leads an awesome exploration team in their search for battery metals and critical minerals within the prospective geology of sunny North East Scotland.



James McFarlane
Geologists Workshop facilitator
Technical Mining Advisory



sarn helen gold

James is an experienced UK-focused mining professional with hands-on experience in operations across Northern Ireland, Wales, England, and Scotland. He currently represents Welsh Gold Explorer, Sarn Helen Gold, continues as an independent consultant through R2C Mining, and serves as an associate consultant with Bara Consulting, providing geological and mining support to the wider mining sector. James is also a Non-Executive Director of Vast Resources plc.

James holds an MSc in Mining Geology from CSM, is a Chartered Geologist, Chartered Engineer, and a Registered Professional Geoscientist in Mining and Mineral Exploration. He is well known for his continued technical support across a range of UK and international projects, drawing on two decades of practical experience in the UK and Australia, alongside that gained internationally as a consultant. James has been a supporter and regular speaker at the UKMC since its inception.



Jasper Thomas
Consultant (Resource Geology)
SRK Consulting (UK) Ltd



Jasper is a Consultant Geologist with SRK Consulting who specialises in 3D geological modelling, mineral resource estimation, and mineral exploration, with experience working across a diverse range of geological settings and commodities.

Prior to joining SRK, Jasper was employed by Sarn Helen Gold, where he worked on gold exploration projects in the UK, planning and undertaking greenfields exploration activities in Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire in Wales, and in the Southern Uplands of Scotland.

He has worked on gold, base-metal, and rare-earth element projects throughout the UK, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. His project experience includes 3D geological modelling and grade estimation in support of mineral resource estimation, assessment of exploration potential and mine planning studies. Jasper has also worked on prospectivity analysis and target generation, along with technical oversight of exploration programmes, supporting a variety of projects from early-stage exploration through to resource definition.



Lauren Beveridge
Senior Consultant Geologist
Cornish Metals



Lauren Beveridge is Chief Geologist at Cornish Metals, where she leads the geological team responsible for advancing the South Crofty tin project in Cornwall. She has extensive experience in mineral resource estimation and underground mining geology, with a career focused on delivering robust, high-quality geological models that support responsible resource development.

Her work spans the full lifecycle of geological input to mining projects, from data collection and interpretation through to resource definition and technical reporting. She has a strong track record of integrating geological understanding with practical mining considerations to support decision-making in complex underground environments.

At Cornish Metals, Lauren plays a key role in ensuring geological confidence underpins project development, with a focus on technical excellence, transparency, and sustainable resource development.

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Zoe Scannell
Principal Geology Consultant
Bara Consulting



Zoe is a Principal Consulting Geologist specialising in resource estimation, mine geology and due diligence technical support, and has worked in the mining industry as a Geologist since 2011, across underground and open pit gold and tungsten/tin projects.

She has experience in grade control practices, production sampling and mining fleet supervision, diamond drill and RC rig supervision and sample logging, plus analysis of geochemical data, calibrating a portable xrf analyser and setting up onsite geochemical laboratory.

Zoe has managed geometallurgical test work and carried out mineral resource estimates using Datamine and Leapfrog providing MRE reports - both to JORC and NI-43-101 standards. A registered member of the Geological Society of London and the Institute of Materials, Minerals & Mining (IOM3), she is currently working towards becoming a Chartered Geologist and Competent Person. In October 2024 she was awarded QMR by IOM3.



Laurie Hassall
Senior Consultant Geologist
Snowden Optiro



Laurie Hassall is a Senior Consultant Geologist at Snowden Optiro with over 15 years' experience in mineral exploration, project development, and mining operations, with a strong focus on UK-based projects. He has worked across the full project lifecycle, from exploration targeting through feasibility studies, operations, and independent technical reviews.

Laurie specialises in resource estimation, geometallurgy, and operational optimisation, with expertise across tungsten, tin, lithium, and wider base metal systems. He has played key technical roles on several of the UK's most significant tungsten and tin projects, including the Hemerdon operation, and has also supported lithium and base metal exploration and development in Cornwall.

At Snowden Optiro, Laurie acts as a Competent Person and technical advisor on international critical and base metals projects, delivering Mineral Resource Estimates, technical reviews, and due diligence. He is the Competent Person responsible for geological modelling and MRE delivery for the Redmoor tungsten project in Cornwall.

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14 June 2027

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Mining Investors' Congress

Tuesday 9 June

The Theatre
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NEW this year, the **Investors' Congress** is a half-day event, free to attend for **mining investors** (retail and professional).

It includes explanations of how, why and when to invest in mining, plus presentations by mining companies (who contribute to the main event).

Designed to help investors find hidden value in mining companies based on local knowledge.

Presentations by British mining companies and financiers.



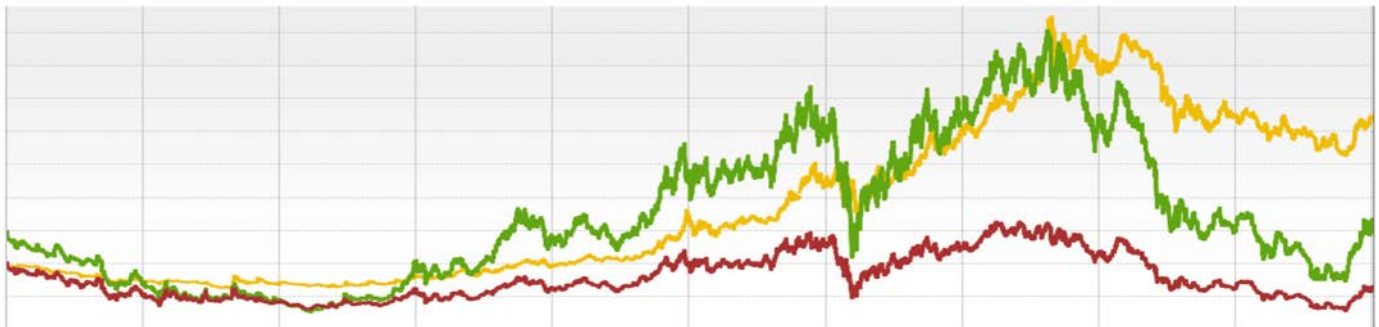
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Inside Mining Seminar

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This 3-hour seminar covers the mining cycle, from exploration and investment to extraction, processing and marketing. Recap on the difference between resources and reserves, the different mining methods, the source of the industry's finance, where your company fits in the supply chain.

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- Past President of Cardiff University Mining Society
- Over 40 years' experience of global mining
- Longwall mining equipment specialist

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1.30pm	Registration and Coffee
2.00pm	The Mining Sector Size and shape of the global mining industry, including a summary of the largest mines/ companies, and the most important commodities.
2.30pm	Geology and Mineral Deposits Summary of the target minerals and metals, the geological processes, the types of deposit and how we measure them.
3.00pm	Mining on the Surface Examination of the main mining methods, techniques involved and the types of equipment used.
3.30pm	Coffee (15 minutes)
3.45pm	Going Underground Review of the main underground mining methods, the techniques involved and the types of equipment used.
4.15pm	Commodity Recovery Overview of metals-recovery stages, including milling, smelting and refining, and of waste handling.
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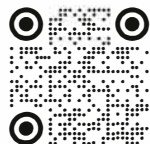
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"A refreshing conference: it's a community thing." Jeff Townsend.

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440 Conference day delegates, from
18 Different countries

220 Individual companies/organisations

8 Government departments

3 Members of Parliament

52 Conference speakers & panelists

30 Exhibitors

120 Geothermal Forum delegates

40 Geologists' Workshop delegates

12 Inside Mining Seminar delegates

3 Sponsored happy hour drinks

3 Networking buffet suppers

1 Gala dinner

5 Awards for exceptional services

1 Live entertainment show

12 Site visits (with 70 participants)

1 Sponsored Golf Tournament



Conference Timetable

Wednesday 10 June

08.30	Registration opens - Coffee & pastries
09.00	Welcome Carly Leonida, The Intelligent Miner
09.05	Ten years of Cornish Lithium Jeremy Wrathall, Cornish Lithium
09.25	Redmoor – Europe's highest grade, undeveloped, tungsten resource Dennis Rowland & Mark Burnett, Cornwall Resources
09.45	The Geothermal Forum: what we unearthed Anne Murrell, Geothermal Forum
09.55	Woodsmith: a unique asset for the UK Rachel Dolby, Anglo American
10.10	Europe's lithium future Zac Loewenthal, Hatch Engineering
10.20	Time built in for Q&A with above speakers
10.35	3-minute challenges
10.50	BREAK
11.10	Tamar Minerals – drilling a Cornish icon Mark Thompson, Tamar Minerals
11.30	From trade-offs to decisions: optimal roadmap for strategic planning and technical studies Mikko Koivisto, SRK
11.50	New tin and lithium discoveries Sally Norcross-Webb, Cornish Tin & Lithium Ltd
12.10	The Portsoy nickel – copper – cobalt project, Scotland Richard Williams, Winshear Metals Corp
12.25	Getting mine water management right Paul Heaney, ERM
12.35	Hemerdon: awakening the giant Jeffery Court, Tungsten West
12.45	Time built in for Q&A with above speakers
12.50	King Edward Mine Museum Carol Richards & Jon Mason, King Edward Mine
13.00	LUNCH
14.00	Welcome back Tim Blythe, Moderator
14.05	Great Wheal Vor: unearthing the lessons buried in the mine's historic litigation Rob Bridgman, Gowling
14.25	SIL++: adding availability to hoisting safety Gareth Price, Siemag
14.45	Productivity gains from autonomous underground mining equipment Dr Eric Pohlmann, Nerospec SK GmbH
14.55	From traditional to digital: the mining transformation journey Micheal Colbert, ABB
15.05	Time built in for Q&A with above speakers
15.15	BREAK
15.35	Clydach Refinery: the journey to the future Peter Rees, ValeVale
15.50	Greener ground: exploring low-carbon fuel options for mining equipment Dean Thornewell, LiuGong
16.10	Time built in for Q&A with above speakers
16.20	Carl Riding & Hayley McKinstry, Truro & Penwith College
16.30	Skills – capacities and opportunities PANEL: Carl Riding (Chair), Hayley McKinstry – Truro & Penwith College, Pat Foster - CSM Angela Bentley - ESTA, Dom Barraclough - Minerals Matter Ambassador
16.50	Time allowed for Q&A with above speakers
16.55	Wrap up Tim Blythe
17.00	Happy Hour at The Princess Pavilion, bar sponsored by Micon International Co Ltd, thank you Emma & Richard
18.00	Networking Buffet, sponsored by Tele-Fonika UK Ltd, thank you Colin at the Falmouth Hotel

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Conference Timetable

Thursday 11 June

08.30	Registration opens - Coffee & pastries
09.00	Welcome Beth McLoughlin, Mining Magazine
09.05	Molecules versus electrons in the race for security of energy supply Alex Griffiths, Wood Mackenzie
09.25	Restoring balance – a case study of mine water decontamination Lars Varnbueler, Watson-Marlow
09.45	Advancing the South Crofty critical mineral project towards production Don Turvey, Cornish Metals
10.05	Mining for the future in the Northeast: Woodsmith (polyhalite) mine and Weardale Lithium Sue Thomson, Arup
10.20	Beyond the model: how education and AI are transforming geoscience Mark Butcher, Seequent
10.30	Time built in for Q&A with above speakers
10.45	BREAK
11.05	Looking for a quiet domain Fraser Gardiner, Aberdeen Minerals
11.25	Unlocking the untapped potential of Scotland's high-grade, historic mineral belts Jo Battershill, Argyll Metals Ltd
11.35	From ore assessment to smelting and refining Marek Walczuk, KGHM Zanam
11.45	Infrastructure-light autonomy: resilient navigation from surface to underground Matthew Suntup, Advanced Navigation
11.55	Future-ready geo-resources: Cornwall's plan for UK growth Ola Zawalna-Geer, CMGA
12.05	Time built in for Q&A with above speakers
12.20	Metals meltdown – controversial questions and alternative answers Jeff Townsend, Q&A interactive with audience Nick Pople – Northern Lithium, Alex Griffiths – Wood Mackenzie, Grace Humphries – DBT, Ola Zawalna-Geer - CMGA
12.55	Time built in for Q&A with above speakers
13.00	LUNCH
14.00	Welcome back Tim Blythe, BlytheRay
14.05	Lithium's role at the centre of the energy transition Tom Drabble, International Lithium Association
14.15	The nation's premier provider of objective and authoritative scientific data Karen Hanghoj, British Geological Society
14.25	Gold: what is it good for? John Mulligan, World Gold Council
14.35	Time built in for Q&A with above speakers
14.40	Reaffirming the "H" in HSE Mark Godden, HSE
14.50	Safety and self-monitoring PANEL: Introduction by Mark Cutifani, Kevin Wilson – HSE, Richard Elmer - Knights Piesold, Neil Morrin - Cornish Lithium
15.25	BREAK
15.45	UK Markets update and the London listing route for metals and mining Lauren Crawley-Moore, LSE
16.05	Perran Moon MP
16.15	Supporting the mining industry PANEL: Perran Moon (Chair), Charles Hickson – UKEF, Lloyd Brina - British Business Bank, James Whiteside - NWF, Andrew Woolfson - AF Capital, Matthew Stewart - Societe Generale
16.45	Time built in for Q&A with above speakers
16.55	Wrap up Tim Blythe
17.00	Happy Hour
18.00	Drinks reception, sponsored by Gowling WLG (UK) LLP, thank you Rob
19.00	Gala & Awards Dinner/Bar buffet at the Princess Pavilion

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Micheal D Colbert
Area Sales Manager, Hoisting
ABB



Micheal David is an Area Sales Manager for mine winders at ABB, with nearly 10 years of experience in the mining and industrial automation sectors. He specialises in mine hoisting systems, digitalisation and automation, and has held various roles across marketing, project management and sales, providing a well-rounded perspective on the industry.

In his current role, Micheal is responsible for front-end sales activities across Central and Western Europe, supporting clients with mine winder solutions and broader mining applications.

While Micheal is presenting, he represents and speaks on behalf of a highly skilled engineering team that underpins ABB's innovative solutions and technical excellence.



Fraser Gardiner
CEO
Aberdeen Minerals Ltd



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Fraser is a geologist with a 29 year career in industry. Since graduating with a BSc in Geology and Applied Geology from the University of Glasgow, he has worked as a geologist and exploration manager on discovery, exploration and mine development projects for gold, copper, tungsten and nickel in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and South East Asia. Prior roles have included Exploration Manager for Barrick in Saudi Arabia, Exploration Manager in Laos and Chief Operating Officer for Ormonde Mining plc.

Fraser joined Aberdeen Minerals as CEO in July 2022 and leads an awesome exploration team in their search for battery metals and critical minerals within the prospective geology of sunny North East Scotland.



Matthew Suntup
Senior Application Engineer
Advanced Navigation



Matthew Suntup is a Senior Engineer at Advanced Navigation, specialising in the deployment of resilient inertial navigation systems (INS) across the world's most demanding environments. From subsea to underground mine sites and even the lunar surface, Matthew's expertise lies in bridging the reliability gap for autonomous assets where traditional GPS/GNSS fails.

At the UK Mining Conference, Matthew explores the next frontier of mining autonomy: from MEMS-based INS for surface operations to sophisticated hybrid solutions. He will delve into how fusing Fibre Optic Gyro (FOG) sensors with 3D Laser Velocity Sensing (LVS) provides a step-change in dead-reckoning accuracy for underground operations.

A recipient of the Australian Space Excellence Award, Matthew's career began in robotics and software engineering, including planetary rover mobility research at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. He now focuses on delivering navigation confidence for heavy industry, ensuring mission-critical accuracy in the world's deepest and most complex terrains.



Andrew Woolfson
Vice President, Europe & Africa
AF Capital



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Andrew Woolfson joined AirFinance in 2012 and is a founder, Vice President and Partner. Prior to joining AirFinance, Andrew was a Director of international sales for Textron Financial Corp where he was responsible for all operations in Europe, Middle East and Africa.

Andrew also worked at RBS and Flybe. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Bristol and is a graduate of Thunderbird School of Global Management Executive Leadership.

He spends much of his leisure time cycling and he is a season ticket holder at Arsenal Football Club.

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Rachel Dolby
Head of Corporate Affairs, Land & Permitting - Crop Nutrients
Anglo American



Rachel has been a member of the Anglo American Crop Nutrients Executive Committee since 2022 and has led the Corporate Affairs, Permitting and Land teams since 2024.

Rachel started her career in law and has over 20 years' experience as a qualified solicitor, formerly specialising as a projects and infrastructure lawyer in private practice and industry. She trained at a leading international law firm before moving to specialise in projects work, moving into industry in 2009, working for the investments division of a major contractor specialising in infrastructure projects. Rachel joined the Woodsmith Project in North Yorkshire in 2016 as Senior Legal Counsel before taking the role as Head of Legal, leading a dedicated team of lawyers for the Crop Nutrients business.



Jo Battershill
Managing Director & CEO
Argyll Metals



Jo is a mining geology graduate from Camborne School of Mines (CSM) and has over 25 years of experience both in mining operations and in the finance sector, particularly in Australia and in the UK.

After almost a decade working in mining operations and business development with Western Mining Corp in Australia, in 2004 he joined a boutique broking house in Perth, Western Australia. He subsequently worked in the mining finance sector for 17 years until July 2021, primarily as an Executive Director for UBS in Sydney/London and as Managing Director for Canaccord in London. He has extensive knowledge and connections within the mining finance industry, having been part of globally top ranked mining ECM/Sales between 2008 and 2021. Early in his mining career he worked as an underground miner at the South Crofty tin mine in Cornwall, while attending the CSM.



Sue Thomson
Principal Engineering Geologist
Arup

Sue is a Chartered Geologist and a Principal Engineering Geologist at Arup with 20 years of ground engineering experience working on a varied range of projects, both within the UK and overseas. Sue has been involved leading and coordinating teams delivering geological and geotechnical data understanding and interpretation to both external clients and internal design teams. She has interpreted ground conditions and ground risks on projects globally and has worked for many years cross-discipline with colleagues in the water, rail, resources and tunnels teams to name a few. Her experience spans ground modelling, site investigation, risk assessments, slope design, dam engineering, offshore cable burial, legacy mining, tunnelling, and underground infrastructure. She advises on ground risk, typically where the solution is not clearly mapped out. Sue is a strong integrator and is regularly client and contractor facing, coordinating and working with different teams for a common goal.



Michelle Bentham
Chief Scientist for Decarbonisation & Resource Management
British Geological Survey



Michelle is the Chief Scientist for Decarbonisation and Resource Management at the British Geological Survey. She is a geoscientist with over 25 years of experience in the field of energy decarbonisation at BGS, working with the research community, industry and government.

She currently oversees the delivery of fundamental scientific research to decarbonise energy and industry, to use resources more optimally and to expand the delivery of affordable, sustainable energy across the world.

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Tim Blyth
Founding Partner
BlytheRay



Tim is the Founding Partner of BlytheRay, the UK's leading communications advisor to the mining industry which advises miners around the world. BlytheRay's clients range from explorers to producers and from private businesses to companies listed on the London, Toronto and Australian Exchanges.

Tim started his PR career as a Press Secretary in the Thatcher administration of the 1980s. He then spent time as the Head of PR for the NatWest Group before joining the Brunswick Group. After that he was on the Executive Boards of WH Smith Group and Rolls Royce plc handling global investor relations, investor relations and PR. Tim founded BlytheRay in 2007.



Lloyd Brina
Senior Manager – South West
British Business Bank



Based in the South West, Lloyd works within the Bank's new Local Growth Team driving economic growth by helping improve access to finance. Representing the British Business Bank across the South West's smaller business finance ecosystem he drives connection and collaboration so that smaller businesses can access the capital they need to start, operate, innovate, grow and scale. He benefits from a wide-ranging commercial background having worked in marketing, business development, law (IPR/commercial), innovation coaching, knowledge exchange and finance. Lloyd has coached, advised, or trained over 1,500 businesses and has long been an enthusiast for purpose driven business, financial innovation and innovative business models.



Karen Hanghøj
Director
British Geological Survey



Karen is the Director of the British Geological Survey. She is a geologist with extensive experience in research and innovation management and the minerals and metals industry. Karen is passionate about understanding the complexity of resource management, about environmental and social sustainability, and about the role of geoscience in finding solutions to societal challenges.

Karen holds a PhD in Geology from University of Copenhagen and has worked with research on geological processes in the lower crust and mantle and their associated mineral deposits, before taking senior leadership roles in research and innovation organisations. She is a member of a range of international committees and working groups.



Declan Vogt
Moderator
Camborne School of Mines



Declan graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering, worked for 15 years developing novel geophysical instrumentation, then for 15 years in research management and leadership. He is now teaching electronics and robotics to mining and other engineers.

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Jeremy Wrathall
Founder & Executive Chairman
Cornish Lithium



Jeremy graduated from the Camborne School of Mines in 1985 with a BSc (Hons) in Mining Engineering and is a Fellow of the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining. He began his career in the South African gold mining industry before moving into investment banking, where he enjoyed significant success. In 2016, Jeremy founded Cornish Lithium, taking on a full-time leadership role the following year. Since securing its first external investment in 2017, the company has grown rapidly and now employs over 100 people, the majority of whom are based in Cornwall.

Cornish Lithium is an innovative mineral exploration and development company focused on the responsible and sustainable extraction of lithium from both geothermal waters and hard rock. Its mission is to establish a secure domestic supply of lithium essential to delivering the UK's industrial strategy and the transition to a Net Zero economy.



Neil Morrin
VP - Head of Health, Safety & Risk
Cornish Lithium plc



Neil has worked within the mining sector and health, safety and risk roles for more than 20 years, and has gained significant experience in mineral processing and hazardous chemical management.

Neil started his career as a mineral processing chemist in Cornwall, before moving to London and Botswana. Building on existing skills and gaining a NEBOSH Diploma in Health and Safety, he took on the role of the H&S Manager of the newly formed element of De Beers based in Botswana and supporting the operations in Canada and southern Africa.

Neil moved into health, safety and risk-based consultancy, based in the UAE and UK in a variety of sectors, while also delivering work in the mining sector in Australia and Africa. He is a Chartered Member of the Institute of Occupational Health and Safety.

In 2019, Neil and his family returned to Cornwall and has been the VP of health, safety and risk at Cornish Lithium since 2022.



Don Turvey
CEO
Cornish Metals plc



Don Turvey is Chief Executive Officer of Cornish Metals plc, leading the advancement of the South Crofty tin project in Cornwall towards production in 2028. He has more than 40 years' experience in the global mining industry, including over 20 years with BHP, and has held CEO roles in private, ASX- and AIM-listed mining companies since 2008. His experience spans project development, operations and corporate leadership across multiple jurisdictions.

At Cornish Metals, Don has overseen significant project milestones, including major strategic fundraisings, accelerated site redevelopment and the company's re-domiciliation to the UK. He is focused on delivering a secure, responsible and long-term domestic supply of tin to support critical mineral supply chains.



Sally Norcross-Webb MA LL.M (Cantab)
CEO and Founder
Cornish Tin & Lithium Ltd



Sally's background is a mining and corporate finance lawyer (London/Sydney), working in numerous mining and natural resources projects in various jurisdictions.

Since 2011 she has worked in Cornwall, advising various mineral operators and funds on minerals projects. She founded the company in 2017 and spent the next four years assembling the necessary mineral rights, with the first successful drilling programme in 2022. She leads the company's strategy, capital-raising and stakeholder relationships.

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Ola Zawalna
Managing Director
Cornwall Mining & Geo-Resources Alliance (CMGA)



Ola Zawalna is the Managing Director of the Cornwall Mining & Geo-Resources Alliance (CMGA). She holds a PhD in Geology from the University of Auckland, New Zealand, specialising in volcanology and geochemistry and an MSc in Marine Geography from the University of Szczecin, Poland. Ola's career spans research, industry and strategic programme coordination, with roles ranging from Research Fellow to Project Manager across several departments at the University of Exeter, including the Camborne School of Mines, the Renewable Energy Group, the Business School and Exeter Innovation.

She also brings industry experience as a basin modeller and geochemist in the oil and gas sector. Ola has extensive experience delivering complex, multi-stakeholder initiatives with international reach, drawing on her broad technical and managerial expertise to support collaboration across academia, industry and government. Her multidisciplinary background and global perspective underpin her work in advancing Cornwall's critical minerals and wider geo-resources ecosystem.



Jeff Townsend
Founder & CEO
Critical Minerals Association



Jeff has over 20 years of experience working in the political sphere of Westminster, Capitol Hill and the Southern African Development Community.

His expertise in foreign affairs and international development has led him to advise senior Ministers, ambassadors and national leaders. Jeff is an expert at political strategy, campaigning and communications and has transferred these skills into the private sector providing political advice to FTSE100 and S&P500 companies.

Jeff was born on a mine in Carltonville, South Africa and grew up in mining communities around the world following his father who worked in the sector. In 2011 he began the UK's All Party Parliamentary Group on International Mining and more recently founded the Critical Minerals Association and its political platform, the APPG Critical Minerals in Westminster. Jeff is a Director of a bespoke lobbying and finance firm.



Dennis Rowland
Managing Director
Cornwall Resources Ltd



Dennis is Managing Director of Cornwall Resources Ltd, the wholly owned subsidiary of Strategic Minerals plc, which is developing the Redmoor tungsten-tin-copper Project.

Commencing his career as an exploration geologist, and with experience gained within the exploration and mining industry in Australia and across the UK, Dennis has developed the key skills and knowledge required to lead and develop critical minerals project development, from early-stage exploration through feasibility, planning and permitting. He also has a keen interest in sustainable project development, community interaction and social licence to operate within a UK setting.



Grace Humphries
Head of Critical Minerals
Department for Business & Trade



Grace is Head of Critical Minerals at the Department for Business & Trade (DBT).

Previously she was a Senior Policy Adviser at DBT. She joined what was then the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in 2019.

Grace graduated with her degree from Cambridge University.

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Paul Heaney
Principal Hydrogeologist &
Technical Partner
Environmental Resources
Management (ERM)



Paul is a hydrogeologist with 35 years' experience in water resources assessment, development and management. He is a Technical Partner with ERM and provides high level technical direction on mine water supply, dewatering/depressurisation and water management projects across the globe. Paul maintains a very practical and hands-on approach.

Paul has managed and directed hydrogeological and hydrological studies associated with water supply, dewatering/depressurisation, closure, environmental impact assessment, water balance modelling, groundwater/surface water modelling and integrated site wide water management on mining projects across Africa, Australia, Asia, Europe, North/South America and the Middle East.

Paul is currently working on several mining projects in the UK, including the Woodsmith Polyhalite Project (Yorkshire), Trelavour Lithium Project (Cornwall) and Hemerdon Tungsten/Tin mine (Devon). He specialises in providing practical technical support to mining projects at various stages of the mining life cycle, with a key focus on developing practical solutions, realising opportunities and re-risking projects.



Dom Barraclough
Managing Director
Finch Consulting



Shortly after the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act was enacted, Dom was one of those normal primary school kids who took sockets off walls, resprayed bikes in his bedroom, and set fire to his brother's rug with his chemistry set. With that early grounding in safety, he became an engineer.

Since he got into mining safety in 2008, he has worked with some remarkable people and projects. Dom has built a life in engineering safety that also happens to be his career. His work spans mining, roller coasters, sandwiches, nuclear reactors, high-security and fire systems for government, Guinness, and weapons, resulting in three patents. Occasionally, you'll find him in court giving evidence when things go wrong.

Today, he invests in exceptional people across three engineering safety businesses, where he is very much led by them.



Angela Bentley
Trustee
ESTA



Angela has 30 years of teaching experience, including 11 in secondary schools and the rest in sixth form colleges teaching A-Level geology, geography and environmental science.

She spent 12 years as Head of Earth Sciences at Aquinas College, Stockport, and is the only UK teacher to have been NERC-funded (Natural Environmental Research Council) to join a six-week research expedition on the RRS James Cook studying ocean core complexes with Durham, Birmingham and Cardiff universities. She later created teaching resources and delivered lectures nationwide to audiences from infant school to the University of the Third Age.

Her work contributed to ocean core complexes and models of oceanic crust being added to the A-Level syllabus. She received the Patrick Moore Medal by the Royal Astronomical and Geophysics Society in 2019.

Angela chaired the Earth Science Teachers' Association for three years and continues to serve on its council and as a trustee.



Anne Murrell
Lead
Geothermal UK



Anne worked in the geothermal sector in Bavaria for many years. She acted at city, state and national level in Germany to extend opportunities for geothermal development, whilst working as project developer with local communities in Bavaria to realise deep geothermal projects.

Anne currently leads Geothermal UK, the industry coalition accelerating geothermal. Geothermal UK brings stakeholders together for aligned action to raise awareness and build policy and investment frameworks enabling geothermal development.

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Rob Bridgman
Partner
Gowling WLG (UK) LLP



Rob is a partner at Gowling WLG based in Birmingham. A real property specialist by background, Rob has developed a niche practice in mines and minerals disputes (and acted in the recent High Court case of ARC Aggregates v Branston Properties Ltd). Rob has extensive experience of advising minerals owners and developers in relation to severance claims and is the author of the Practical Law Company's practice note on mines and minerals.



Zachary Loewenthal
Process Engineer
Hatch



Zac has almost 10 years' experience in the mining & metals industry and is an integral member of Hatch's hydrometallurgical team, with extensive experience in plant design and a fundamental understanding of the chemistry, water balance, and equipment design characteristics of these facilities.

He has worked on numerous lithium brine, hard rock and conversion projects including, direct lithium extraction from European geothermal brines, a European electrolysis conversion plant, as well as commissioning and ramp-up Albemarle's Kemerton Lithium Hydroxide Processing Plant in Western Australia.



Kevin Wilson
HM Chief Inspector of Mines
HSE



From a multi-generational mining family, Kevin joined the National Coal Board in Nottinghamshire in the 1980s. He completed his mining/quarrying education at Trent Polytechnic and Doncaster College to Chartered Engineer and gained his Mining 1st Class Certificate of competency.

Kevin was an official at Bilsthorpe Colliery when the tragedy occurred in 1993, a major fall of ground resulting in six men being trapped of which three were killed. This experience influenced his career direction; following contraction of the coal mining sector in the 1990s, Kevin joined the Health and Safety Executive and completed a Post Graduate Diploma at Heriot-Watt University. He gained regulatory experience as an Inspector in heavy industries, construction (major infrastructure projects and civil tunnelling) in addition to the quarrying/opencast coal sectors. In 2014 Kevin moved to the Mines Inspectorate returning to his underground mining roots and in 2023 was promoted to be the Chief Inspector of Mines.



Mark Godden
HM Principal Inspector of Health
and Safety (Mining)
HSE



Mark is employed as HM Principal Inspector of Mines by the Health and Safety Executive. Prior to this Mark spent many years working within the quarrying and mining sectors, whilst fulfilling several different managerial roles. Mark is a fellow of the IOM3, a chartered engineer, a fellow of the Geological Society, a chartered geologist, and a fellow of the Institute of Quarrying.

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Carly Leonida
Founder & Director
The Intelligent Miner



Carly is a UK-based technical writer, editor and communications consultant with 20 years' experience covering the global mining sector. Carly has written for and managed some of the industry's leading trade publications, including Mining Magazine and Engineering & Mining Journal. She has also held senior roles shaping technical and strategic discourse across the sector, such as external communications manager at Sandvik Mining.

Carly founded The Intelligent Miner in 2019, an online publication delivering intelligent, credible storytelling to help the mining and metals industry communicate clearly, build trust and earn its place in a sustainable future. She is a non-executive board member of Women in Mining UK) and contributes to international publications as a freelance writer and industry commentator. Carly holds a first-class degree in geography and geology from the University of Brighton and was named one of the most influential women in mining by Clear Creek Media in 2016.



Tom Drabble
Global Sustainability Manager
International Lithium Assn



Tom Drabble is Global Sustainability Manager at the International Lithium Association (ILiA), where he leads work on responsible production, carbon footprints and sustainability engagement across the global lithium value chain. He coordinates industry collaboration on sustainability initiatives and supports members in navigating evolving frameworks such as the EU Battery Regulation.

Tom previously worked as Senior Sustainability Analyst at Benchmark Mineral Intelligence, where he specialised in critical raw materials and lithium supply chains. He holds a Master's degree in Environment, Development and Politics.



Dean Thornewell
Managing Director
LiuGong Machinery (UK) Ltd



Dean is a seasoned British business executive with over two decades of leadership in the global mining equipment industry. He served as Operations & Service Director, later Managing Director at Joy Global Eurasia from 2008 to 2018, overseeing a £300 million operation and expanding the company's presence in Europe and Asia. Dean also represented Joy Global before the UK Parliament's Business, Innovation and Skills Committee, providing insights into the mining sector.

Following his tenure at Joy Global, Dean became Managing Director in the mining and construction component supply chain, leading the company through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2023, he was appointed Managing Director of LiuGong, where he is currently driving the adoption of battery-electric vehicles in mining and construction equipment.

Dean's career reflects a commitment to innovation and sustainable practices in the mining industry, positioning him as a forward-thinking leader in heavy industrial manufacturing.



Marek Walczuk
Export Manager
KGHM ZANAM SA



Marek is a well organised person with excellent planning and analytical skills. He speaks fluent Polish, English, has a good command of German and strong in MS-Office Suite, Lotus Notes and ERP-CRM! He is currently learning Spanish.

His work touches both areas of global produce sourcing as well as sales management and marketing. Presently, Marek is in charge of key account management in the hard rock mining sector and sales of underground mining machines for mining and tunnelling applications.

Marek is involved in price and contract conditions negotiation, machine customising process and maintenance service. The target markets and customers are based in Europe, America, Chile, Canada, Africa and Asia. This involves frequent travels and develops many international friends.

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Carol Richards
Trustee
King Edward Mine Museum



Carol is Director of Camborne School of Mines Association (CSMA) and Trustee at King Edward Mine, the original centre for Camborne School of Mines for the teaching of practical mining and underground surveying. Her aim is to maintain the links between the two organisations.



Jon Mason
Trustee
King Edward Mine Museum



Jon graduated from the Royal School of Mines at a time when mining jobs were in short supply. As a result, he remained in London and took up a career in IT, most of which was spent managing project for investment banks. Upon retirement he relocated to Cornwall and became a volunteer at both Poldark Mine Museum and King Edward Mine Museum, where he currently holds a position as trustee.



Richard Elmer
Director
Knights Piésold Ltd



Richard Elmer is the Director of Knight Piésold UK in London and a geotechnical specialist with over 35 years of experience in multidisciplinary mine feasibility studies and designs. He holds a BSc in Geology from Southampton University and an MSc in Mining Geology from the Camborne School of Mines.

Richard has delivered projects across Eastern and Western Europe, the Americas, Africa, Central Asia, and Asia Pacific. He leads a substantial global portfolio of mine waste facility reviews and is a regular presenter on best practice in tailings and mine waste management. His technical expertise in mine waste, tailings, and rock mechanics is complemented by strong project management and communication skills. Richard co-established the Knight Piésold London office in 2013, building a specialist geotechnical, civil engineering, and tailings practice that has supported nearly 100 mines in 50 countries over the past decade.



Lauren Crawley-Moore
Regional Lead, London & The South,
UK Primary Markets
London Stock Exchange plc



Lauren Crawley-Moore heads regional coverage for London and the South within the Primary Markets team. Lauren is responsible for providing guidance to ambitious private companies and their investors in their initial and on-going assessment of a potential IPO strategy. Lauren is responsible for leading the portfolio in London and the South region across AIM and the Main Market. Lauren works with key stakeholders including companies and the corporate advisory, Private Equity and VC communities - including nominated advisers, sponsors, lawyers, and accountants.

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Beth McLoughlin
Editor
Mining Magazine



Beth McLoughlin joined Mining Magazine as editor in May 2024. A former foreign correspondent in Brazil, she was previously Online Editor of Petroleum Economist. Beth, who has degrees in English and law, has more than two decades' experience in journalism.



Perran Moon MP
Member of Parliament

Born in Redruth, Perran is one of seven children born to his GP father and nurse mother. He had a 30 year career in business before joining Parliament, working for car manufacturers and an electric vehicle charging company. He is the MP for the furthest southerly Labour constituency in the UK, which also includes Perranporth, St Agnes, Porthtowan, Portreath, Pool, Stithians, Constantine and Mawnan Smith. He is one of four Cornish Labour MPs.

A great supporter and advocat for critical minerals mining and processing to ease the energy transition towards net zero.



James Whiteside
Director, Banking and Investments
National Wealth Fund



James is an Investment Director in banking and investments at NWF where he is responsible for critical minerals. He spent the first decade of his career at Lloyds Banking Group working in leverage finance and asset distribution before joining NWF in August 2022. He developed NWF's first critical minerals investment strategy and executed NWF's first direct equity deal into Cornish Lithium and also executed the investment in to Cornish Metals where he currently sits as NWF's nominated Board Representative. James was named Young Finance Professional of the Year at the Insider Yorkshire Young Professionals Awards in 2024. He holds a Bachelors degree from the University of York.



Dr Eric Pohlmann
CEO
Nerospec SK

Eric, CEO of Nerospec SK, has been building customer-focused product businesses for over 20 years, specialising in smart automation innovations. With a background in business and engineering, Eric completed a US MBA and earned a PhD in smart automation systems while contributing to the creation of SmartFactoryKL, a groundbreaking industry testbed for factory automation. His career includes delivering business strategies for product and supply chain excellence at PwC, and transforming Sandvik Mining's global equipment and consumables business by integrating customer feedback into product choices. At GHF Fahrzeuge Group (now Komatsu), Eric optimised engineering, manufacturing, and supply chain processes through customer-focused product management strategies. Today, Eric leads Nerospec SK, driving the growth of its international product business, offering fleet-wide automation solutions that enhance the safety and productivity of miners through customer-centric innovations.

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Andrew Mitchell
Nickel Consultant

Andrew gained a degree in Mineral Processing and a PhD from the Camborne School of Mines in 1985 and 1988 respectively.

He worked for Johnson Matthey and Billiton as a development metallurgist. Then in 1995 he joined Brook Hunt, which subsequently became part of Wood Mackenzie, as a mining analyst. Andrew focused on costs of production and supply dynamics of gold, lead and zinc and copper before specialising in nickel in 2000.

It was in nickel he found his passion and was the supply side analyst, later becoming director of Nickel Research. Andrew "retired" in November 2025 and now engages (and indeed is open to!) nickel consulting on an ad-hoc basis.



Nick Pople
Managing Director
Northern Lithium Ltd



Nick is Managing Director of Northern Lithium, a privately owned UK mineral exploration and development company, focused on delivering a secure, sustainable domestic supply of lithium-from-brines in the Northeast of England. Having already proven commercial viability, Northern Lithium is targeting first commercial production of lithium from 2028 and scale up to at least 20,000+ tpa by 2035.

Nick has over 30 years' investment, advisory, fundraising, project and direct corporate development experience, with a strong investment track record across 25+ sustainable companies since 1997.

He joined the Earth Capital Group in 2014 and was CIO of Earth Capital Asia in Hong Kong until 2019. Co-founder of Ludgate Investments in 2000, Nick helped develop Ludgate's reputation as a leading European venture capital investor in resource efficiency and launched the Ludgate Environmental Fund on the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange in 2007. Before Ludgate, Nick spent 8 years within the Barclays Bank Group both in London and Hong Kong, focused on project, structured and corporate finance across energy, infrastructure and transportation.



Mark Butcher
Enterprise Success Manager
Seequent, The Bentley
Subsurface Company



Mark is an Enterprise Success Manager at Seequent, working closely with Seequent's customers to help maximise the value of their workflows and software investments across the full portfolio. As a seasoned GIS and data management geoscientist Mark brings global experience in mineral exploration, mining and geoscience technology, dating back to 2005.

Mark began his career focusing on remote sensing and mineral prospectivity mapping, specialising in data capture and management for geological modelling, but has since broadened his expertise to encompass various facets of the geoscience industry, enabling him to support customers with integrated end-to-end solutions.



Gareth Price
Functional Safety Manager
Siemag Tecberg Group



Gareth is a qualified functional safety expert with over 25 years of experience developing safety-critical systems. Currently serving as the Functional Safety Manager for Siemag-Tecberg, Gareth specialises in aligning complex systems with the latest standards and regulations.

As an active ISO committee member for both mining and automotive standards, he brings deep regulatory insight to his work. His background spans a diverse range of high-integrity domains, including automotive, avionics, banking, green energy and now mining. Gareth has successfully partnered with organisations ranging from agile startups to multinational corporations, optimising their designs and processes to ensure efficient, timely and compliant product delivery.

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Matthew Stewart
Director Batteries, Mining & Industries
Finance
Societe Generale Corporate &
Investment Banking - SGCIB



Based in the UK, Matthew specialises in structured project finance, industrial manufacturing and the natural resources sector, with an increasing focus on green transition and decarbonisation initiatives.

He co-authored insights and provided financial structuring coverage for major industrial green transition projects, including the landmark H2 Green Steel (now Stegra) green hydrogen and decarbonised steel project in Europe.

Matthew gained his MSc in Mining Geology at the Camborne School of Mines, and his BSc (Hons) in Geology from the University of Aberdeen.



Mikko Koivisto
Senior Consultant (Mining Engineering)
SRK Consulting



Mikko, MSc (Mining Engineering) has seven years' experience in underground mining operations in Finland, Sweden, and Ireland. He holds a Master's degree from the European Mining Course - a Triple Degree from Aalto University, TU Delft and RWTH Aachen.

In operations, Mikko has worked as a short and longterm planner for numerous mining methods including drift and slash, longhole stoping, sublevel stoping and sublevel saving. As an experienced mine designer Mikko has designed and demonstrated ability to develop new innovative ideas into practical and feasible mining solutions. In addition to mine planning, Mikko has worked as a project manager for projects related to mine planning software and mining technologies including mine automation, electric battery vehicles, continuous miners/TBM, future/feasibility studies, asset performance management,



Mark Burnett
Executive Director
Strategic Minerals plc

Mark is Executive Director of London AIM market quoted Strategic Minerals plc, and Director of Mining Investments at RAB Capital, a leading mining investor in London.

With more than a decade of corporate finance and investment experience in the extractive industries across North America, Australia, and Europe, he currently serves as a non-executive director of a US-based critical metals company and has served as Interim Chair of Giyani, an African critical metals company.



Mark Thompson
Founder and CEO
Tamar Minerals



Mark is a highly experienced mining investor and entrepreneur. He has founded and listed several mineral exploration companies in the natural resources sector including Tungsten West Plc (TUN.L) and First Tin plc (1SN.L)

He is the former Chief Investment Officer and co-founder of Galena Asset Management Ltd, the fund management arm of Trafigura, and then latterly a partner at Apollo Management, one of the world's largest alternative asset managers. He holds an BA in Physics from Oxford University.

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Carl Riding
Principal and CEO
Truro and Penwith College



Carl Riding is Principal and CEO of Truro and Penwith College and an experienced senior strategic leader within the education sector, recognised for driving excellence across further education, apprenticeships, skills and organisational transformation.

Carl has led large and diverse curriculum and support departments throughout his career and has extensive experience delivering ambitious strategic objectives across academic and technical vocational education, apprenticeships and skills, adult learning, higher education, estates, MIS, IT services and learner support.

His leadership is characterised by a strong customer and employer focus, ensuring provision remains responsive to industry needs while maintaining exceptional learner outcomes and organisational performance.

Carl is highly skilled in strategic planning, operational leadership, change management, and stakeholder engagement. Known for his positive, enthusiastic and people-centred approach, he combines strong communication skills with the ability to lead effectively in complex and fast-paced environments.



Jeffery Court
CEO
Tungsten West



Jeffery has broad international business management and operational experience in the mining and mining services sector. He commenced his current position with Tungsten West's Hemerdon project in October 2024 and concluded the Feasibility Study published in August 2025 and is now actively leading the project re-commissioning activities.

Jeffery has over 30 years of mining industry experience, including senior executive positions with Capital, Perenti, FLSmidth, Orica, Proudfoot and Rio Tinto. His career has had an extensive global footprint, with focus on Australia, PNG, Norway, Malaysia, Africa and North America.

Educated in Queensland, Australia, Jeffrey holds a degree in mining engineering and MBA in Business Administration.



Hayley McKinstry
Director of Business Partnerships
and Skills
Truro and Penwith College



As Director of Business Partnerships and Skills at Truro and Penwith College, Hayley plays a leading role in shaping employer partnerships, apprenticeship strategy, and workforce development across Cornwall. She oversees the College's strategic engagement with employers, ensuring that businesses can access high-quality skills, training, and talent pipelines aligned with regional economic needs.

Hayley is central to initiatives such as the College's Industry Engagement Team, designed to bridge skills gaps and provide employers with a single, reliable access point for apprenticeships, adult learning, commercial training, and professional development. Her work champions strong employer collaboration and supports Cornwall's position as a national leader in apprenticeship achievement and workforce capability.

Her leadership continues to strengthen the College's mission to deliver outstanding skills provision, develop local talent, and empower businesses to grow through high-quality training and partnership engagement.



Charles Hickson
Deputy Head, Growth Sectors &
Domestic Investment
UK Export Finance



Charles is the Deputy Head of UK Export Finance's Growth Sectors & Domestic Investment team, responsible for providing medium-long term financing facilities for UK companies, their export contracts and overseas customer's projects utilising British goods and services. His current sectoral focuses include the automotive, agriculture, life sciences, precious and base metals mining and IT and technology sectors.

Charles has worked for UKEF since 2014 and has held a variety of roles across the Department's Business Group including most recently supporting renewable energy projects in the Renewables & Transition team.

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Peter Rees
HR Manager, FCIPD, MSC HRM
Vale Clydach Refinery



Peter has 24 years of HR & L&D experience and is based in Swansea. His career highlights include helping to achieve Investors in People Silver Standard. He is an experienced HR generalist, L&D professional with specialism in OD and talent management.

After a 12-year lapse, Peter re-introduced an apprentice programme, he is a member of the Engenuity Board UK, Chair of South Wales HR Network.

He holds an MSC In Human Resource Management, Postgraduate in Human Resource Management. L&D Level 4 Qualification, TAQA Competency Assessor, IOSH Managing Safely Qualification

Peter has been married to Caroline for 26 years, and has two grown up children Matthew and Angharad, and enjoys travel, keep-fit, DIY and reading.

He works with local Universities, Schools and Colleges in his role at Vale



Lars Varnbueler
Senior Global Business Lead
Watson-Marlow



Lars is a Senior Global Business Lead at Watson-Marlow. He has a strong background in mining applications and process pump technologies and has held senior commercial and engineering roles across portfolio leadership, product management and project governance. Based in Germany, Lars works closely with global mining teams and customers. Most recently, Lars has been shaping the company's global mining go-to-market strategies.

Since joining Watson-Marlow in 2018, Lars has had a significant influence on product portfolios and development programmes, particularly across hose pumps and reagents metering solutions. In his current remit, Lars is also responsible for global trade and tariff compliance. He holds an Engineering Diploma in Technology Management from the University of Stuttgart and earlier in his career, co-developed a novel peristaltic pump technology.



Richard Williams
CEO & Director
Winshear Metals Corp



Richard is a British graduate geologist and corporate executive with over 35 years' experience in mining, mineral exploration and project financing. His career started in 1989 as a mine geologist in South Africa before moving into mineral exploration in 1994, focussing on precious and base metals exploration projects in the Americas and southern Europe prior to co-founding Heli Resource Corp - now Winshear Metals - in 2001.

Richard has been CEO and Director of Winshear since 2004, and the company explored and developed base and precious metals projects in southern Africa and Peru, before recently agreeing on the Thunder Bay Gold Project in NW Ontario and Portsoy Ni-Cu-Co project in Scotland.

Between 2015-2024 Richard was CEO and Director of Cornish Metals Inc and instrumental in the acquisition of the South Crofty tin project in Cornwall, raising ~\$100 million for the project, and listing the company on the AIM exchange in London.



Alex Griffiths
Research Director Metals &
Mining Investor Service
Wood Mackenzie



Alex has been in the industry since 2007 – both in the pit and at the desk.

Alex researches the role of metals in the energy transition, the investment required and the pathway for metals to decarbonise. He works with buy-side clients, curating data and research specifically for their individual needs.

Alex has an intimate knowledge of the mining industry having spent seven years working as an onsite resource geologist in outback Australia. Alex has also worked as a technical marketing consultant and as a teacher of Physics.

Alex holds an MBA from the AIB, a BSc from the University of Liverpool, a Post Graduate Certificate of Geostatistics from Edith Cowan University and a PGCE (Physics) from the University of Leeds.

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John Mulligan
Head of Sustainability Strategy
World Gold Council



John's strengths in strategy, research and climate change bring great insights to the UK Mining Conference this year.

He is passionately interested in the development of responsible and sustainable value chains and corresponding business models and practices. He is

currently focused on integrating ESG and sustainability considerations, with climate change as a key priority, in investment and corporate/sectoral business strategies.

John is a relationship builder and creative thinker, still curious and eager to explore, and committed to making a difference!



Mark Cutifani CBE
Director and Executive Advisor

Mark is a mining engineer by training, having started his career in deep underground coal mining in Australia in 1976. In his +49 years of business experience, he has had responsibilities across all forms of mining, processing, product marketing and corporate functions, having worked across six continents, 20 countries and with more than 30 minerals and metals. He is recognised as a major industry leader and innovator with a track record for delivery of improvements across all facets of business performance.

Mark was most recently Executive Chair for Vale Base Metals, leading both leadership change and business transformation over two years. In that period, he recruited a new Chief Executive and new executive team members, established a complete asset review and revitalisation programme delivering a 75% reduction in accident frequency rates, a 55% increase in business productivity and 30% reduction in operating costs. Under the new leadership team, the business has continued to improve and deliver new performance benchmarks.

In 2022 Mark retired from his role as the Chief Executive (CE) of Anglo American (AA), after more than nine years and delivering significant restructuring and revitalisation across all facets of its global mining business. In his period of tenure, AA delivered industry leading capital and shareholder returns (+22% annual average total shareholder returns) underpinned by a doubling of employee productivity and 40% real unit cost reductions. At the same time, AA moved from lagging industry performance in sustainability and innovation to being an acknowledged leader in value creation through new and progressive social, technical and commercial transformations.

Prior to his AA position Mark was the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for AngloGold Ashanti. He was responsible for the recovery and turnaround of the business after successfully dealing with the industry's most significant "out of the money" gold hedge book. Mark has also held senior executive positions with the Inco and Vale, the

Normandy Group, Sons of Gwalia, Western Mining Corp, Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines and CRA (Rio Tinto). Mark was also a past President of the International Council for Mining and Metals (ICMM) and the South African Chamber of Mines (now Minerals Council).

Consistent with his business transformational reputation, Mark has been honoured by both the Australian and South African mining industries, receiving the AusIMM Industry Award and the SAIMM Brigadier Stokes Awards, the peak industry awards for service to the industry. He has been recognised by Mines and Metals as the leading Mining Industry CEO in 2019 and in 2022 was awarded their Lifetime Achievement Award. In the areas of sustainability and responsible social development, he has been recognised by the Thomas Edison Global Innovation Awards for Collaborative Change through the Development Partner Institute (DPI), and he was the "Technoserve 50th Anniversary Honouree" – in honour of "extraordinary leadership in creating sustainable business solutions to end poverty around the world" and more recently as Europe's most sustainable mining leader. Mark was recognised for his contribution to global mining in the UK in the 2024 King's New Year Honours list, being awarded a CBE (Commander British Empire) for his "contribution to Global Mining Investment".

Mark is now a founding partner in the Odin Partnership, focussed on business advisory, major transformations and new project funding and support. He has recently taken on the inaugural Chair role to establish the Global Tailings Management Institute (GTMI) and he is also the Chairman of the Power of Nutrition, a global NGO focussed on nutrition for children under five years. Mark has recently been appointed as a non-executive director for Woodside Energy Group Ltd. He is the Co-Chair for the International advisory committee for The Global Foundation and is also involved with NGOs focussed on ethical and sustainable business practices, and the development of young and emerging business executives.

Awards & Funding

Thursday 11 June

Each year, we like to recognise an individual or company's contribution in key areas of the mining industry.

The 2026 the categories are:

1. Exploration Discovery of the Year

This award will be judged by a select panel of representatives from investors and financial institutions, who will evaluate which discovery has the most potential.

2. Rising Star in the Mining Sector

This award recognises upcoming talent in education, apprenticeship or fully employed. (Age 25 & under on first day of Conference)

3. Best Innovation in Mining

This award invites nominations for individuals or a company responsible for ground-breaking developments for technological advancement within the mining supply chain.

4. ESG/Outstanding Community Outreach Project

There are unsung heroes who need recognising; please look around for those who are making a difference.

5. Finance Deal of the Year

NEW to 2026: recommend a company or person for this award, to be judged by London stock broker who gives the most credit to a deal secured in 2025.

6. Lifetime Achievement in the Mining Industry

This prestigious award is for that person in the mining industry who has significantly contributed to the sector, either in education, government or industry.



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This year over 50 A-level students have been sponsored to attend the Geothermal Forum and more than 10 college students to attend the main UK Mining Conference.

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Happy Hour

At the Princess Pavilion
A sundowner or aperitif for the evening ahead.
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Cornish buffet supper & drinks at one of the oldest, most traditional pubs in Falmouth.
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Drinks & snacks along the quayside from the Chain Locker for home-made pizzas & Cornish beer.



WEDNESDAY

Happy Hour

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Networking Buffet

At the Falmouth Hotel Beach Restaurant.
Hot & cold buffet supper & drinks with the Bryher's Boys sea shanty music.

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THURSDAY

Happy Hour & Pre-dinner drinks

Camel Valley champagne & canapes by Herra's Catering.
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Gala Dinner

'Champagne' reception with canapes, 3-course dinner, drinks & after-dinner speaker, Mark Steel

Bar Buffet

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