



# **UN Global Compact Network UK Annual General Meeting**

## **Recommended Trustees Briefing**

Tuesday 25 June 2024

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### **Background**

The GCN UK Board is currently made up of 5 Trustees. The Global Compact Country Network Quality Standards (CN QS) recommend having between 7 and 9.

With an increasing participant base of over 800 companies, a growing team of 26 people, and charity status achieved in 2023, the UN Global Compact Network UK (UK Network) will be facing many challenges and significant opportunities in the coming years as our organisation matures and we pursue our critical mission in a more complex context. A skilled and diverse Board of Trustees will be crucial to ensure we deliver our strategy and fulfil our potential.

This is why, between April and May 2024, the [UN Global Compact Network UK Board](#) launched a recruitment process to identify **three new Trustees** to appoint at the Annual General Meeting on 25 June 2024. The process sought individuals with skills and experience in one or more of the following areas:

- Human Resources
- Change Management
- Public Relations/Advocacy
- Finance
- Legal / Co-Sec and Governance

To allow for our Board to represent the diversity of our membership, submissions from the following profiles were particularly encouraged:

- Individuals from underrepresented ethnic groups.
- Business representatives from sectors that are not currently represented in the Board, including real estate, retail, construction, health care, and energy.
- Non-business representatives such as business associations and civil society organisations.

To remove bias from the hiring process, the applications were managed through Applied, an anonymised recruitment platform. Candidates were asked to respond to written questions and those whose answers scored highest were invited to an interview.

This document summarises the profiles of the candidates that the UN Global Compact Network UK Board recommends the members appoint at the Annual General Meeting on 25 June 2024.

## Candidates proposed for appointment



**Name:** Ruth Chapman

**Job Title:** Executive Managing Director

**Organisation:** Dulas

**LinkedIn profile:** [Ruth \(Staff\) Chapman | LinkedIn](#)

I am the Executive Managing Director of a pioneering Renewable Energy company, Dulas Ltd. Based in Mid-Wales with additional offices in Scotland and a manufacturing facility in Bognor Regis, we have been at the forefront of embedding large scale renewable energy projects in the UK for over four decades. With a focus on the core technologies of solar, wind, hydro, battery storage, green hydrogen, and multi-technology sites, we operate in all areas across the supply chain. Our turn-key technical services cover all stages of the development project cycle from feasibility, planning, EIA management, client engineer, operations and maintenance, and optimisation. In addition to our services within the renewables market we design, develop, manufacture, export, and install a range of solar powered vaccine fridges for routine immunisation programmes in low-middle income countries and in response to humanitarian aid needs globally. Our production facility in Bognor Regis, Polestar Cooling Ltd, manufactures specialist refrigeration equipment for a range of clients and supplies products globally within the medical, industrial, and scientific sectors.

As a Co-operative organisation Dulas Ltd and Polestar Cooling Ltd is owned by its Members, the employees, giving every Member an equal vote on strategy and an equal share of the company.

I am responsible, at the most senior level, for company performance, leading the Board of Directors on strategy whilst ensuring the operational success of the business. With an education in the Environment and Energy fields and a background in Performance Management, my ambition is to ensure Renewable Energy plays a full and vital role in our future energy mix.



**Name:** Sam Gardner

**Job Title:** Head of Climate Change and Sustainability

**Organisation:** ScottishPower

**LinkedIn profile:** [Sam Gardner | LinkedIn](#)

Sam Gardner is the Head of Climate Change & Sustainability at Scottish Power where he is driving forward a program of work designed to ensure Scottish Power plays its full part in tackling climate change. During his time with ScottishPower Sam has introduced SBTi targets for the company, developed a company-wide Sustainable Development Strategy, led on TCFD, and delivered a full program of engagement around COP26 as a Principal Partner. He previously worked for WWF Scotland for 12 years, most recently as Deputy Director, before that he enjoyed 15 months as Acting Director, was Head of Policy for five years, and Senior Climate and Energy Policy Officer for five years. At WWF Scotland, Sam led a team focused on securing lasting solutions to the environmental and climate change crises. His work has covered the introduction of the first Climate Change Scotland in 2009 and its implementation over the last ten years. He has worked closely with stakeholders from across industry, academia, and the public sector on the transition to net zero, in particular on electric vehicles, low carbon infrastructure, renewable heat, and the power sector. Sam was Chair of the Edinburgh Climate Commission for three years and has previously worked for SEPA and the RSPB in Scotland. Sam has an Ecological Science

(Hons) degree from The University of Edinburgh and a PhD in environmental policy development from UCL. Sam has been a Board member of Stop Climate Chaos Scotland and on the Board of Scottish Environment LINK.

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**Name:** Preeti Srivastav

**Job Title:** Group Head of Sustainability

**Organisation:** Asahi Europe & International

**LinkedIn profile:** [Preeti Srivastav | LinkedIn](#)

Preeti Srivastav is a sustainability leader, driving positive environmental & social change to create a better future.

Preeti has been redefining and integrating sustainability across the strategic pillars of planet, people, profit, portfolio, purpose in various geographies for major corporations, institutions and non-profits.

As the Group Head of Sustainability for Asahi, a global food & beverage company with \$19B in annual revenues, Preeti leads the development and implementation of the global sustainability strategy across more than 90 export markets including countries of production and more than 22 brands including Asahi Super Dry, Grolsch, Peroni, and Pilsner Urquell. She is part of the executive leadership team and during her tenure, Asahi has won multiple sustainability awards.

She serves as the technical expert advisor on climate change for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the European Commission. An active thought leader, she has been recognised for her sustainability work and expertise through awards and nominations.

Prior to Asahi, Preeti consulted on sustainability for corporations and governments as a director at Ecofys, a Nobel Prize winning consultancy. She has worked with climate NGOs including Greenpeace and We Mean Business, the climate coalition that drove the historic Paris Agreement at COP21.

Preeti served on the advisory committee for the Climate Group's RE100 and is currently the Co-chair of the World Federation of Advertisers' Planet Pledge & a board member of Galvanizing the Groundswell of Climate Actions.