

Press release

RWE's Helen Thomas appointed to RenewableUK Shadow Board

- **Playing a vital role in the future leaders programme for the renewables sector**
- **Helping shape RenewableUK's strategy, challenging the Board and providing a fresh perspective**

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Tom Glover, RWE UK country chair: "Congratulations to Helen on this achievement, she is a huge asset to our company and RWE's renewable growth ambitions and will add valuable experience to the RenewableUK shadow board. It is of vital importance for the development of the UK renewables sector that we have individuals who provide a fresh perspective and inspire, challenge and innovate the industry."

RWE is proud to announce that Helen Thomas, Senior Stakeholder & Supply Chain Manager - Offshore Wind, has been successfully appointed to the Shadow Board of trade body RenewableUK.

RenewableUK is the country's leading clean energy trade association representing a wide range of technologies including wind and marine power, green hydrogen and energy storage, with over 400 member companies.

RenewableUK set up its Shadow Board to enable future industry leaders to gain experience and participate in strategic level activities. It assists the organisation's board with a wider range of views, valuable insights and fresh perspectives on key issues. The Shadow Board members consist of senior company representatives with expertise across areas including: electrical engineering, project and stakeholder management, marketing, law, consenting, asset management, business development and public affairs.

Commenting on her new role, Helen said: "There is so much to gain from this exciting opportunity. I'm looking forward to working with current and future leaders, bringing a fresh perspective and challenging the RUK Board, helping to shape our industry for the better. I like to think I can bring a mix of knowledge, experience and skills combined with fresh ideas, determination and fun! I plan to use both whole system knowledge and more focused renewable

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industry experience to progress aspects of importance, including supply chain and skills development, helping our industry to thrive.”

Helen’s route into renewables was an unconventional one. Leaving school at 16 she took various roles in childcare and administration, however always had a keen interest in environmental issues and a love for Geography. Going back into education as a mature student she studied for a BSc in Environmental Management and then an MSc in Renewable Energy Technology, whilst holding down full-time roles.

Wind energy was always something that fascinated Helen and she never gave up on her desire to work in the industry. By applying to RWE’s new talent scheme in 2019 - a scheme that supported a variety of newcomers into the industry from recent graduates to those transferring from other sectors – Helen established her dream career.

Whilst working for RWE, Helen has delivered a range of roles including consenting, stakeholder management and public affairs. More recently her focus has been on supply chain development, helping to shape the company’s strategy and approach. Helen has been instrumental in establishing a new supply chain cluster for the North Wales North West region, called The Offshore Energy Alliance, and is also involved in The Offshore Wind Industry Council (OWIC). Helen provides direct support to Tom Glover in all aspects of senior relations with the Welsh Government. For more information on opportunities at RWE visit the [website](#).

RWE is #2 in the world for offshore wind and is driving the development of the largest offshore wind pipeline in the UK. It has committed to investing €50 billion gross through to 2030 to expand its powerful and green generation capacity to 50 gigawatts, with around €15 billion earmarked for the UK.

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RWE is leading the way to a green energy world. With an extensive investment and growth strategy, the company will expand its powerful, green generation capacity to 50 gigawatts internationally by 2030. RWE is investing €50 billion gross for this purpose in this decade. The portfolio is based on offshore and onshore wind, solar, hydrogen, batteries, biomass and gas. RWE Supply & Trading provides tailored energy solutions for large customers. RWE has locations in the attractive markets of Europe, North America and the Asia-Pacific region. The company is responsibly phasing out nuclear energy and coal. Government-mandated phaseout roadmaps have been defined for both of these energy sources. RWE employs around 19,000 people worldwide and has a clear target: to get to net zero by 2040. On its way there, the company has set itself ambitious targets for all activities that cause greenhouse gas emissions. The Science Based Targets initiative has confirmed that these emission reduction targets are in line with the Paris Agreement. Very much in the spirit of the company’s purpose: Our energy for a sustainable life.



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