

**APSE Northern Ireland FREE Online Event for Members  
Wednesday 3 June 11.00 AM to 12.30 PM**

**Emerging from the Pandemic: Where to now for action on Climate Change in Northern Ireland?**

**Introduction and welcome from the APSE Northern Ireland Chair, Cllr Terry Andrews**

**Panel 1 Speakers and presentations:**

***APSE's latest research 'So you have declared a climate emergency: what next?'***

This will explore the practicalities of moving from climate emergency declarations to implementing action plans to ensure tangible reduction in carbon emissions. A free download of APSE's latest research will be provided to all delegates.

**Speaker: Mo Baines, APSE, Head of Communication and Coordination**

***An ambitious route map for NI to deliver on carbon reductions***

**Speaker: Professor John Barry, QUB and Co-Chair of Belfast Climate Commission**

***Delegate Q&A with panel***

**Panel 2 Speakers and presentations**

***Can we deliver on climate commitments within our current powers and financial constraints?***

**Speaker: Karen Smyth, NILGA, Head of Policy**

***Building Resilience, The impact of COVID-19 on the environment in NI***

**Speaker: Stephen Jones, Climate NI Officer**

***Delegate Q&A with panel***

**APSE Newsround** – An update on Carbon Literacy Training, with Fiona Sutton-Wilson, APSE Head of Training and Energy Audits with Phil Brennan Head of APSE Energy.

**This online event will end at 12.30 PM**

## Speakers



### **Mo Baines**

#### **Head of Communication and Co-Ordination, APSE**

Mo's career in local government began in 1989 working for Manchester City Council's City Solicitors division. In 1993 Mo moved to the Council's Tendering Unit providing operational, employment and strategic support to in-house teams subject to competitive tendering processes. Mo helped implement many service reviews and service improvement plans, with regular involvement across a range of local authorities and trade unions.

Following a move to the Association for Public Service Excellence in 2004 Mo was Principal Advisor for the North of England and now as Head of Communication and Coordination Mo works on the Association's many research projects and is responsible for APSE press and media activities, and coordinating the work of the membership resources team which supports APSE's membership throughout the UK. Mo also runs APSE's UK wide Commercialisation Network and has responsibility for APSE Northern Ireland. Mo was part of the research team on 'The New Municipalism: Taking back entrepreneurship' and is author of APSE's research paper 'Rebuilding Capacity: The Case for Insourcing Public Contracts'. Mo received an MPA with distinction from the University of Liverpool for her academic work on Insourcing and public policy. Contact Mo at [mbaines@apse.org.uk](mailto:mbaines@apse.org.uk)



### **John Barry**

#### **Professor of Green Political Economy and Director of the Centre for Sustainability, Equality and Climate Action, Queens University Belfast**

John Barry is Professor of Green Political Economy and Director of the Centre for Sustainability, Equality and Climate Action at Queens University Belfast. His areas of research include post-growth and heterodox political economy; the politics, policy and political economy of climate breakdown and low carbon energy transitions. His latest book is *The Politics of Actually Existing Unsustainability: Human Flourishing in a Climate-Changed, Carbon-Constrained World* (2012, Oxford University Press). He is co-chair of the Belfast Climate Commission and was a Green Party councillor from 2011-2018.



**Karen Smyth**  
**Head of Policy & Governance, NILGA**

Karen Smyth has worked in a policy role for the Northern Ireland Local Government Association since 2002, and as Head of Policy since 2008. She takes a particular interest in policy on planning, regeneration, and the circular economy in addition to policy on local government structure, operation and finance.

Karen has a background in Environmental Health and worked in councils as an EHO for ten years prior to taking up her post at NILGA. She is currently a non-executive director of Sustainable NI and has held similar directorships on a number of other organisations over the years, including Building Change Trust. Karen holds a BSc(Hons) in Environmental Health and a Masters Degree in Business Administration.



**Stephen Jones**  
**Climate NI Officer, Climate NI**

Stephen Jones has more than 6 years' experience coordinating climate adaptation in Northern Ireland. Most recently he guided Derry City and Strabane District Council through the development of the first climate change adaptation plan in NI. This led to the creation of the 'Local Government Climate Action Network' (LGCAN) which aims to develop plans in every council in NI.

Stephen has delivered bespoke climate resources and comm

unication tools with a range of public and private partners and holds an MSc in Sustainable Development from Queen's University Belfast.



**Fiona Sutton-Wilson**  
**Head of APSE Training, APSE**

Fiona oversees APSE's training arm, developing and designing training to enrich the knowledge and skills which underpin modern, flexible local government. On a personal and professional level, Fiona is committed to supporting authorities with their approaches to tackling climate change. As well as being an experienced trainer and facilitator, with 28

years' experience of working across the public sector, Fiona has managed a range of projects, programmes and services.

In recent years, Fiona's work has centred on collaborative leadership and insight and intelligence. Fiona is qualified in Prince2 and MSP (Managing Successful Programmes). She has a Post-graduate Diploma in Business Administration (DMS) from Leeds Business School, a PGCE in Secondary Education from Edge Hill University and a BA (Hons) in Communication Arts from the University of Huddersfield.

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**Phil Brennan**  
**Head of APSE Energy, APSE**

Phil Brennan is Head of APSE Energy and has been since March 2016. He is responsible for all services provided to APSE Energy members, business development, the advocacy role and consultancy offering. Before becoming the lead officer of APSE Energy, he was a Principal Advisor from 2006 with responsibility for the asset portfolio including building maintenance, housing, highways, street lighting and winter maintenance and managed the renewables and climate change advisory group. Before working with APSE, he was with Preston City Council where he worked in the Policy and Performance Unit on the implementation of Best Value, performance management and corporate policy development.