

MODEL Awards 2009

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Michael COOKE, *Leicester City Council, United Kingdom*



Michael COOKE is a Deputy Mayor of Leicester City Council since 2007 and as such he is also chairing the City's Climate Change Board – a Partnership of all public, private, voluntary and community organisations in the City.

Most of Michael's expertise and areas of interest were developed through various positions in the field of sustainable environmental management including the following:

- Director of Environmental Health in Leicester for eight years during which time he was responsible for the Leicester Environment City initiative which was honoured in Rio in 1992
- Chief Executive of the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health for five years
- Chair of the Institute of Energy and Sustainable Development, De Montfort University for five years
- Chair of the Green Apple Awards in the UK

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Ada ÁMON, *Energia Klub Hungary, Hungary*

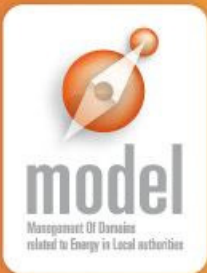


Ada ÁMON is a director of the Energy Club (an independent, non-governmental, not-for-profit group working for sustainable energy policy). Born in 1969, Ada Amon lives in Hungary and speaks Hungarian and English.

Graduated at the Budapest University of Economic Sciences in 1993, Ada Ámon started as a consultant on energy policy for the International Institute for Energy Conservation, London. In 1996 she joined the CEE Bankwatch Network as the Hungarian Energy Coordinator. Since 1998 she has been the director of the Energy Club, which is a leading NGO and think tank group in CEE on energy policy issues. Since April 2004 she is a member of the National Environmental Council, a body which is the official advisory group of the Hungarian Government. She has been working together with groups like Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth, Climate Action Network, WWF, OkoInstitute and many more.

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Kay BEAGLEY, *Kirkless Council, United Kingdom*



Kay BEAGLEY trained originally as a Home Economist and after a first experience in the gas industry she specialised in further education with a post graduate teaching certificate and a 14 years experience across the Leeds and Kirklees Education authorities whilst she also worked full time at Yorkshire Electricity as a Home Economist.

The role within Yorkshire Electricity, during the late 1980s early 1990s changed dramatically, from a PR, advisory and educational role to a Customer Services liaison role and addressing the rising issues of fuel poverty and

energy efficiency in the domestic sector. During this time Kay studied further, gaining a certificate in management studies and a Diploma in Counselling and Group work skills.

In 2002 as a result of the Npower take over of Yorkshire Electricity Kay was appointed as the 'Fuel Poverty Officer', - renamed the Energy Efficiency Officer. She was appointed as the Energy and Water Conservation co-coordinator for Kirklees Council in January 2004, which extended her experience considerably, across a wide range of energy related projects within the council.

In July 2007 Kay was appointed as Acting programme Manager for the Environment Unit where the key work areas she is responsible for are; the Kirklees Warm Zone project, Affordable Warmth Strategy, The Capital projects, currently being delivered by the Environment Unit, energy and carbon reduction within Council buildings - in liaison with other services of the council - specifically feeding into the Carbon Reduction Commitment, work force planning and management of four Environment Officers.

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Roman DOUBRAVA, *European Commission – DG TREN, Belgium*

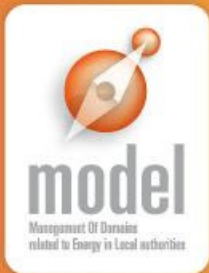


Roman DOUBRAVA graduated at University of Economics in Bratislava and followed his studies on Economics and politics of renewable energy at Technical University of Salzburg. He worked for previous decade as a consultant and director of the Energy Centre Bratislava, an NGO working in the field of sustainable energy policy and managed number of local energy projects in Central and Eastern Europe and Western Balkans. He was also actively involved

both in Slovak and EU energy policy as member of advisory committees. In 2008 he joined the European Commission, where he works in the field of local energy policies and EU horizontal initiatives targeting local actors. His particular duties include Covenant of Mayors, ManagEnergy and other relevant EU initiatives.

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Thierry MERAUD, *French Environment and Energy Management Agency (ADEME), France*



Thierry Méraud is an expert of ADEME, the French Environment and Energy Management Agency and he works for the International Affairs Division as regional coordinator for Central and Eastern Europe and EU neighbouring countries.

His expertise focuses on energy and environmental planning, including energy demand analysis, modelling and forecasting approaches, socio-economic impacts, elaboration of energy efficiency strategies at local, regional and national levels. In these fields he also

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Ilka NEUMANN is a **Project Consultant** at PRACSIS (consultancy specialised in public relations and communication strategy at EU level)

She is a political scientist, specialised in EU Affairs, and holds degrees from the Humboldt University Berlin and Sciences Po Paris. She is a German native speaker and is fluent in French and English. Before joining PRACSIS, Ilka worked in the Communications Department of a major European umbrella association. Since 2007, she has been responsible for the cooperation with the Campaign Associates of the "Sustainable Energy Europe Campaign". As such, she has gained extensive experience in cooperating with organisations on the national and European level. Ilka is currently in charge of media communication for the European Commission's ETAP Forums (Environmental Technology Action Plan) and the coordination of the European Enterprise Awards.

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