

ESG: PURPOSE OR PROFIT?

SPEAKERS



Matthew Gwyther – Chair

Matthew, now a Partner at Jericho Chambers, edited Management Today for 17 years and during that time won the coveted BSME Business Magazine Editor of the year on a record five occasions. During a 15-year career as a freelancer he wrote for the Sunday Times magazine, The Independent, The Telegraph, The Observer, GQ and was a contributing editor to Business magazine. He was PPA Business Feature Writer of the Year in 2001. Matthew is the main presenter on BBC Radio 4's In Business programme.



Susan Hooper

Susan is Chair of Caresourcer.com in Edinburgh, EBS in Perth, and sits on the Boards of Moonpig plc, Uber UK, The Rank Group and Affinity Water Ltd. Susan is also a founding Director of Chapter Zero, a network of NEDs focused on building effective ESG programmes at Board level. Susan is also actively involved in several start-ups in property, carbon capture and medical technology. Prior to this, Susan was Managing Director of British Gas Residential Services. Susan joined British Gas from the Acromas Group where she was Chief Executive of the Travel Division. Previously, she held senior roles at Royal Caribbean International, Avis Europe, PepsiCo International, McKinsey & Co, and Saatchi & Saatchi living in over 7 countries worldwide.



Sandra Macleod

Sandra is Group CEO, Echo Research and runs Britain's Most Admired Companies Study. She is also Director of Reputation Dividend and sits on the Governance and Sustainability Board of global luxury group, Richemont S.A. Having tracked expectations and best practice around corporate reputation and responsibility for over 20 years, Sandra is cited as 'among the 100 most influential people in PR'. Sandra is Ambassador to the International Integrated Reporting Council, founder of amec and co-chair of judges of the MCA and CIPR annual industry awards. Sandra is recipient of the Page Distinguished Services Award in 2018 and the Don Bartholomew Award in 2020.



Prof Simon Pringle

Simon is a senior commercial strategy and sustainability expert with extensive board-level experience. With more than 25 years' experience, he has a proven track record of delivering measurable impacts, improved performance and entrepreneurial success across multiple sectors, jurisdictions and geographies. He specialises in the alignment of commercial strategy with sustainability, risk and reputation. Building on expertise gained from serving on the UK and global boards of a large PLC and as a Partner at an international change management firm, Simon has led strategy development and engagement-driven change programmes for clients including regulated utilities, professional services firms and listed companies.



Katy Taylor

Katy joined Southern Water in August 2021 as Chief Customer Officer. Previously Katy was Group Strategy and Customer Director at Go-Ahead, the FTSE 250 international passenger transport business. Her responsibilities included commercial development, customer experience, corporate affairs, innovation, strategy and sustainability. Katy has held director-level roles in financial and professional services and hospitality including Kroll, Vneshtorgbank and IG Group. She led organisational change programmes in digital, retailing, reputation, marketing and business development. Katy is a Non-Executive Director of England's largest housing and care provider, Anchor Hanover.