

The  
Geological  
Society

# Annual General Meeting Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

## **EARLY CAREER NETWORK**

For the next generation of geoscientists

# What is the Early Career Network?

Formed in 2019 as a sub-group of the Geological Society of London, aimed principally at those within 10 years of completion since their first geoscience degree.

## Aims & Objectives

- Promote and support professional development and chartership of its members.
- Improve value for money for early career fellows of GSL.
- Promote diversity, inclusion and equality across geoscience.
- Organise events and activities across the UK, including the annual *Early Career Geologist Award*
- Help with work placements, skill development and other aspects of employability.

## Committee

- **Minimum of 10 members** including 5 *officers*: Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary, Treasurer, External Group Liaison.
- All fellows of GSL are eligible to stand for election to the committee.
- Members shall serve for a period of 3 years, and may be re-elected for a second 3-year term.
- Officers will be appointed by internal vote on an annual basis.
- The Vice-Chair will succeed the Chair at the end of their 1-year term in that officer role.

## Membership

- **Open to all** interested in the ECN activities, free of charge.
- **Access and/or preferential rates will be given primarily to Fellows or Candidate Fellows of the Geological Society.**

Early Career  
Network

Early Career  
Award 2024

Judges

Finalists

# 2023-24 Year In-Review

Our committee members contributed to careers advice, CV workshops, and discussed the various sectors that a career in geoscience can lead to.

## Update to the ECN Terms of Reference

Matthew Johnson resigned from the committee.

**September 2023 saw 4 new committee members** Dr Awei Mabi, Jocelyn Barker, River Adler Stewart and Jean-Jaques Ferguson

The Early Career Network attended the Geological Societies **Geoscience Careers Fair** in November 2023.

**Investing** in our outreach capability and secured **additional funding for the coming year.**



# Huw Richards

## Committee Member

### 2018 - 2024

Huw has been an integral member of the ECN committee since its formation in 2018.

Some achievements...

- Introduction to IOGas software
- QGIS for Geologists – ECN member discounts
- Hosting the Early Career Geologist Award 2022
- DeBeers Diamond Foundation Course



The ECN is collaborating with GIS for Geologists to provide a **30% discount** to all ECN subscribers.

Sign-up to the ECN mailing list before **13<sup>th</sup> November** to receive the discount code (to be sent via ECN email).



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#### Professional online training for GIS beginners

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of video demos

**Certificate**  
of completion

**300+ MB**  
of data downloads

**English**  
presentations

#### Requirements:

- No prior GIS skills required
- Basic geological knowledge only (environmental case studies)
- Computer with a mouse, keyboard and internet access



**Committee Member:**  
Huw Richards  
*Sr. Exploration Geologist*

# Matthew Sharp

***Chair of the ECN 2020 – 2024, Committee Member 2018-2020***

Matt has led the ECN as Chair through difficulties of Covid lockdowns and represented the group in the Professional & Chartership committee, Regional Group meetings and steered the group's activities as well as other GSL events.

Matt has been an unwavering support of the ECN, its committee and its members, providing career and chartership guidance and leading the group's activities.



**Matt Sharp**  
*CTO, Hotspur Geothermal*

# 2024-25 Year Ahead

2024 Events & Financial plan presented by ECN Treasurer River Stewart

Month	Planned Activities	Estimated Costs	Remaining Budget
January 2024	Reset of annual budget	-	£1000
February / March	Design and purchase of event banners	180.00 (Design) 93.96 (purchase 2#)	£726.80
April 2024	Sponsorship from Arcadis	£833.33 added to budget	£1560.13
May 2024	Early Career Geologist Award 2024 & AGM	£735.12	£825.01
July / August	ECN Careers Advice & Summer Social	£300	£425.01
September 2024	ECN Public Lecture – <b>Topic &amp; Speaker TBC</b> Burlington House	£100	£325.01
November 2024	Geological Society – Careers Day	£100	£225.01
December 2024	ECN Winter Networking Social	£225	0.01

# Meet the Committee 2024



**Chair:**  
Dan Hope  
*Senior Consultant  
(Site Investigation)*



**Secretary**  
Jean-Jaques Ferguson  
*Exploration Geologist*



**Treasurer**  
River Adler Stewart  
*Undergraduate Student,  
University of Portsmouth*



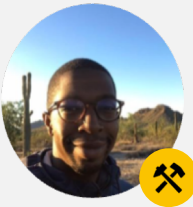
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**External Group  
Liaison:**  
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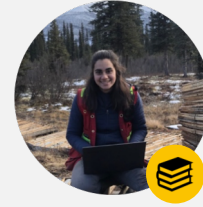
**Committee Member:**  
Dr Awei Mabi  
*Senior Lecturer*



**Committee Member:**  
Alex Christopher  
*Senior Multi-Commodity  
Analyst*



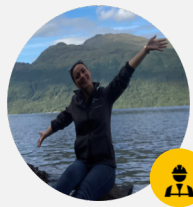
**Committee Member:**  
Jocelyn Barker  
*Sustainability Consultant*



**Committee Member:**  
Ayesha Landon-Browne  
*PhD Candidate &  
Exploration Geologist*



**Committee Member:**  
Dr. Simon Groom  
*Engineering Geologist*



**Committee Member:**  
Harriet Warnock  
*Civil Engineer*



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**Would you like to join the  
ECN Committee?**

**(3-Year Term  
2024-27)**

Apply via email to  
[geolsocecn@gmail.com](mailto:geolsocecn@gmail.com)

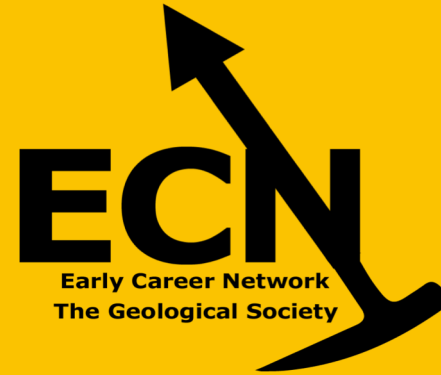
Introduction and background,  
including why you would like to  
join the ECN Committee

Positions available: External  
Group Liaison, Vice-Chair

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Deadline: 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024

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# Early Career Geologist Award Award Ceremony

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