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MUN St. John's Campus

judge highlight



Stephanie Tucker

Manager of Communications
MMSB

Stephanie Tucker is the Manager of Communications, Marketing & Public Education at MMSB, an organization that champions and advances sustainable waste management in Newfoundland and Labrador. With a professional background in communications, Stephanie has work experience in both the non-profit and municipal government sectors, and she is passionate about driving sustainability efforts and fostering environmental stewardship in the province.



Grace Khatrine

Energy Systems Engineer
Angler Solutions

Grace is a forward-thinking energy engineer with a strong focus on Clean Growth and Technological Advancements in the earth & energy sector. With Angler Solutions, she has successfully developed the Energy Storage Systems Modelling Tool - a groundbreaking solution that enhances the efficiency and effectiveness of renewable energy management. When she's not designing cutting-edge engineering solutions, you can find her conquering mountain trails or producing insightful content for a broader audience.



Kieran Hanley

CEO
econext

Kieran has been with econext since 2012, relishing the pursuit of an endless stream of green economy opportunities for Newfoundland and Labrador. Kieran has a background in economic development, and it is through this lens that he guides econext's work to accelerate clean growth in the province.



Colin Heffernan

Manager of Industry & Community Engagement
econext

Colin Heffernan is an economic development professional from Goulds, NL. In his role as Manager of Industry & Community Engagement with econext, he works with SMEs and diverse sectors to identify opportunities to pursue clean growth and greening, and leads econext's community initiatives geared towards positive outcomes for the environment.



Sara Jafari

Special Projects Lead
econext

Sara is an Urban Planner and MBA SEE (Social enterprise and Entrepreneurship) graduate with a strong background in environmental project management. She is a Special Project Lead with Econext, focused on pursuing Net Zero initiatives in communities in Newfoundland and Labrador.



Ogaga Johnson

Director of Workforce Development
econext

Ogaga Johnson is a project management and workforce development leader who has successfully delivered \$100M+ projects in the blue/green economy. She is currently the Director of Workforce Development at econext where she spearheads workforce initiatives to prepare and equip the current and future workforce to participate and accelerate clean growth in Newfoundland and Labrador.



Chelsea Cooper

Business Development Representative
Heave Away Waste Management

As an Environmental Coordinator with over 5 years of experience, Chelsea recently joined Heave Away Waste Management as a Business Development Representative. She holds a Bachelor of Engineering Technology (Environmental Studies) from Cape Breton University and an Environmental Engineering Technical Diploma from the College of the North Atlantic. With a proactive, solution-focused approach, she is eager to drive business growth while implementing innovative waste diversion and sustainability practices to reduce environmental impact.



Kent Farrell

Director
Newfoundland and Labrador
Credit Union

Kent holds a Chartered Professional Accounting Fellowship and a Corporate Director Designation with a specialty in ESG while managing the business solution portfolio at Newfoundland and Labrador Credit Union.



Ian Walker

Environmental Analyst
Hatch

Ian Walker is an Environmental Analyst with Hatch based in St. John's. Ian has worked in various roles in the environmental industry and is a graduate of Memorial Universities Environmental Studies program.



Maya Laisina

Senior Process Engineer
Aker Solutions

Maya Laisina is a Senior Process Engineer with Aker Solutions in St. John's. With 25 years of experience in designing process and safety systems in the offshore energy, carbon capture and storage, and renewable energy industries and with a master's degree in sustainable energy systems from Queen Mary University of London.



Justin Wade

Senior Principal Mechanical Engineer
Aker Solutions

Justin Wade is a Senior Principal Mechanical Engineer with Aker Solutions in St. John's with nearly 20 years of experience in the offshore energy, carbon capture and storage, and renewable energy industries.



...and more!

Although this highlight doesn't showcase all of our judges for the ideathon, we want to extend a huge shoutout to each of them for dedicating their time to support this event. We're eagerly anticipating the exciting ideas that will be presented to our judges!

