

SUMMARY OF NOMINATIONS TO STAND FOR TRUSTEE 2024

For TWO vacant positions on the PEC Trust Board there have been TWO nominations. As per our election policy, a ballot is therefore not required.

As the number of valid nominations are the same as or fewer than the number of positions, those candidates shall be deemed elected, providing ten members or more have affirmed the candidacy by show of hands at the AGM.

Candidates for election to the Board of PEC Trust are summarised by their statements as follows:

Paul Hardman

I am currently the Manager of the Sustainable Earth Institute (SEI) at the University of Plymouth and Director of the Net-Zero Exchange project. We bring researchers together with businesses, community groups and individuals to develop cutting-edge research, innovative approaches and knowledge exchange to develop solutions to global challenges. I have over twenty years' experience in Higher Education and both the Private and Public Sectors, including over 7 years in renewable energy and environmental technologies at the South-West Regional Development Agency. I also chair the action group for the Plymouth Net-Zero Partnership, which includes various organisations across the city working together to support the transition to net-zero.

I have been a member of PEC and PEC Renewables since their early days and through my role at the SEI have thoroughly enjoyed participating in, and supporting some fantastic initiatives, connecting our work and research with the realities in the community. I have really enjoyed my PEC Trustee role over the last 5 years and I particularly resonate with its broad mission of Tackling Fuel Poverty, Local Power, Engagement, Home Upgrades and Net-Zero Homes. I am certain that PEC's role in supporting a just transition to a net-zero carbon city, fit for future generations, will be ever more vital and I welcome the opportunity to continue contribute as a Trustee to the PEC Trust Board.

Zoe Sydenham

I am currently the Community Empowerment Lead at Plymouth City Council and have over 15 years' experience working in the city leading various community and environmental programmes with a particular focus on social and environmental justice. I've been involved in PEC since 2019 and believe that their work is a great example of how community led initiatives at a neighbourhood level can deliver a sustainable future for everyone. Working with PEC will be an extension of the work I'm involved in within Public Health to address health inequalities across the city, including fuel poverty and I hope to be able to add value to their programmes through developing stronger partnerships with the health sector, integrating projects within neighbourhood wellbeing hubs and linking with local asset based community development initiatives.

Zoe was co-opted to the PEC Trust Board in 2022 and now stands as an elected Member to fill the vacancy formed by Jess Holliland standing down. Zoe previously served on the PEC CBS Board from 2019 to 2022.