"DOES DECARBONISATION MEAN DEINDUSTRIALISATION?"

WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL 2023 (18.00 – 19.30)

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

CHAIR:

Richard Caborn

Born in Sheffield, Richard has lived all of his life in the city. He started work in the steelworks as an apprentice engineer before moving into politics, where he represented Sheffield as an MEP for 5 years and an MP for 27 years, including senior roles in the Labour Government as Minster for Trade and Minister for Sport.

Richard was instrumental in setting up the Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre, is now Chair of the Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park and was recently honoured for a lifetime of public service with the Freedom of the City

A lifelong supporter of Sheffield and the importance of engineering in the wider economy, in addition to his career in front bench politics, Richard has experience in engineering, industrial policy and the low carbon sector.

PANELLISTS:

Ed Heath-Whyte (Head of Environment and Sustainability, Liberty Steel Group)

Ed has many years of experience in balancing engineering and the environment. He contributes to a range of national and international committees on the environment, climate change and net-zero iron and steel making technologies.

Ed is a Chartered Environmentalist and in addition to his work on green steel at Liberty, is a member of the Sheffield City Region sustainability partnership and Chairman of the Stocksbridge Steel Valley Project.

Prof Lenny Koh (Director of the Centre for Energy, Environment and Sustainability and the Advanced Resource Efficiency Centre, University of Sheffield)

Prof Lenny Koh is the crosscutting Chief of Resource Sustainability, Founder and Director of the Advanced Resource Efficiency Centre (AREC) and Co-Head of the Energy Institute at the University of Sheffield. Her work contributes to advancing the understanding and resolution of complex supply chains using interdisciplinary approaches, which cross supply chain management and information systems domains.

She is an advisor to, and on the Board of, diverse organisations internationally advising leadership and management on resource efficiency, security, resilience, and sustainability.

Chris McDonald (CEO, The Materials Processing Institute)

Chris leads the Materials Processing Institute, the UK's national innovation centre for steel and metals. The Institute specialises in commercialising technology in advanced materials, low carbon energy, the circular economy and digital technologies.

Chris also works hard to provide consultancy support to Government, companies and Universities on subjects such as steel, innovation strategy and industrial strategy. Chris is also the Chair of the Redhills Charity, Durham.

Richard Sulley (Net Zero Project Director, South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority)

Richard leads the SYMCA's sustainability team working on the development and delivery of programmes to reduce emissions and deliver co-benefits for the region across Transport, Housing, Industry, Commercial sectors, and the Natural Environment.

Richard is an energy and carbon specialist with a background in mechanical engineering, and extensive experience in the private and public sectors delivering energy and carbon reduction projects and roadmaps for organisations of all types and scales.