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Biographies

Marilyn Croser is Director of the CORE Coalition and represents CORE on the Steering Group of the European Coalition for Corporate Justice (ECCJ). Before joining CORE, Marilyn led the UK Refugee Council’s parliamentary advocacy and campaigning and worked for Oxfam GB on the Make Poverty History and Control Arms campaigns.

Jacob Millen-Bamford is a Project Officer for the Brexit Civil Society Alliance. The Alliance works to bring together civil society organisations from all parts of the UK to ensure these voices are heard in the Brexit Process.

Ruth Bergan is a senior advisor at the Trade Justice Movement (TJM) – the UK network calling for trade to work in the interests of people and planet. Over the past ten years, she has led TJM’s work across a spectrum of trade issues, including investment, the WTO and trade agreements with developing countries. She previously worked on issues including climate change and migration.

Ali Torabi has worked in campaigning and communications at the Trades Union Congress since 2016. Currently Brexit Lead, he formerly worked in the digital campaigning team where he developed and implemented campaigns across a wide set of issues, from Public Sector Pay to the Great Jobs Agenda. Ali was previously the Founding Chair of RightsInfo, a Campaigner at 38 Degrees and a Policy Advisor at the Youth Justice Board and Office for Civil Society, Cabinet Office.

Ruth Chambers is the Senior Parliamentary Affairs Associate at Green Alliance, leading the Greener UK coalition’s work on the Environment Bill. Ruth has a wide range of experience in not-for-profit and public sector organisations, helping them to engage with and influence government and parliament; this has included work with CORE to coordinate advocacy efforts around the Modern Slavery Bill.

Thulsi Narayanasamy is a Senior Labour Rights Researcher at the Business and Human Rights Resource Centre, delivering research and analysis on labour rights issues including freedom of association and collective bargaining, living wage, and forced labour in supply chains. She has over a decade of experience working on human and labour rights issues with a strong grounding in community and worker-led struggles in the global South, particularly across Asia and the Pacific.

Asad Rehman is currently the Executive Director at War on Want. Asad has over 25 years of experience in the non-governmental and charity sector and has served on the boards of Amnesty International UK, Friends of the Earth International, Global Justice Now and Newham Monitoring Project.

Shona Hawkes is Senior Global Policy Advisor – Forests at Global Witness. Shona has over a decade’s experience working in support of communities protecting their land, forest and water rights and has led policy and advocacy work at local, national and international levels at the nexus between human rights and safeguarding the environment. At Global Witness, she advises on strategies to address the financing behind forest destruction and its role in the climate crisis.

Jojo Mehta is Co-Founder and Spokesperson of Stop Ecocide and is the overall coordinator of international legal/diplomatic and campaign teams. Jojo Co-Founded UK non-profit Ecological Defence Integrity with the barrister and legal pioneer the late Polly Higgins in 2017 to support the establishment of ecocide as a crime at the International Criminal Court.
**Hannah Martin** is a climate change organiser and campaigner. She has organised with Greenpeace UK, Reclaim the Power and most recently supporting UK Student Climate Network and the Youth Strikes for Climate. She is currently part of a group who have set up the organisation Green New Deal UK which will campaign for and power the movement behind a Green New Deal being adopted in the UK.

**Elaine Gilligan** is Chief International Advisor for Friends of the Earth, leading their work in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Elaine has over 25 years of campaigns experience and has set up and instigated major new work programmes and teams – including climate, nature, food and resources.

**Tim Cooke-Hurle** is a Barrister at Doughty Street Chambers. He represents claimants in business and human rights cases, including against Shell (Nigeria), African Barrick Gold (Tanzania) and Trafígura (Ivory Coast). He also acts in environmental and human rights OECD claims involving multinational corporations.

**Christopher Patz** is a Policy Officer in the secretariat of the European Coalition for Corporate Justice, which advocates for binding human rights due diligence rules at European Union level. He has a legal background and previously worked at the European Centre for Constitutional & Human Rights in Berlin.

**Dorothy Guerrero** is Head of Policy and Advocacy at Global Justice Now. Her work in social movements and NGOs spans 30 years. She currently works on and writes about corporate accountability, climate change, migration, trade and investment, China and other related economic justice concerns.

**Thomas Bart** is an activist for the association Survie and coordinator of the investigation in Uganda for the legal action project against Total. This lawsuit is the first case in which the French law on the duty of vigilance of parent companies is used in a court of law.

**Lucie Chatelain** is currently working as an Advocacy Officer at Sherpa, which works to protect and defend victims of economic crimes using the power of law and to fight against the new forms of impunity linked to globalization. Before joining Sherpa in 2019, Lucie was an associate in the international arbitration team of a law firm in Paris. She also worked for the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, while volunteering with several organisations involved in the defence of migrants’ rights.

**Louise Eldridge** is Policy and Communications Officer at CORE Coalition. She previously worked for Anti-Slavery International on their business and human rights programme and at the International Centre for Taxation and Development, based at the Institute of Development Studies (University of Sussex). She has also worked on tax justice campaigns and peer education programmes for other international development NGOs.

**Susie Talbot** Susie Talbot is the Director of the Anima Mundi Law Initiative and works with advocates and communities around the world towards transformative change at the intersection of economic, social and cultural rights, corporate accountability, substantive equality, climate and ecology. Susie was formerly Legal Director of ESCR-Net, and has worked on strategic litigation and advocacy at NGOs including INTERIGHTS, the Kurdish Human Rights Project and Minority Rights Group International. Susie is also currently on the Board of Directors for the CORE Coalition.

**Professor Robert McCorquodale** is Professor of International Law and Human Rights at the University of Nottingham, a barrister at Brick Court Chambers, London, and the Founder of Inclusive Law, a consultancy on business and human rights. He was Director of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BiICL) for 10 years. Robert has published widely in the fields of business and Human Rights, advised business of all sizes, assisted governments around the world, and been involved with civil society, industry and organisations in drafting legal changes and litigation. He has appeared as an advocate before the International Court of Justice and the United Kingdom Supreme Court, and as a legal expert before United Nations bodies.