

Speaker Biographies

Tom Cox

Research and Development Manager

Saint-Gobain

During his career with Saint-Gobain, Tom has been involved in cross-functional Habitat projects and group advocacy activity. Either leading or facilitating on projects that have a strong focus on brand integration, Tom has been involved in some of Saint-Gobain's most notable projects, including the Nottingham H.O.U.S.E, a sustainable house designed and built by students, and the Salford Energy House, a whole-house retrofit study.

As a fellow of the Leeds Beckett University Sustainability Institute, academia's input on Saint-Gobain projects is something that Tom particularly values as part of the company's ongoing research and development.

Simon Robinson

Professor of Applied and Professional Ethics

Director for the Research Centre for Governance, Leadership and Global Responsibility

Leeds Beckett University

Educated at Oxford and Edinburgh Universities, Simon became a psychiatric social worker before entering the Church of England priesthood in 1978. He entered university chaplaincy in Edinburgh and Leeds Universities, developing research and lecturing in areas of applied ethics, professional ethics and business ethics before joining Leeds Beckett University in 2004.

His work focuses on business and professional ethics, the nature and practice of responsibility, responsibility and pedagogy, governance and leadership ethics across all sectors. Running throughout this is a concern about the meaning of responsibility, focused in virtues, ontology, culture and critical dialogue. He is also working on spirituality and leadership.

Simon is editor of the Peter Lang book series in International Applied Ethics, on several journal editorial boards, and has worked with many businesses and professional bodies, including the Royal Academy of Engineering and the Institute of Civil Engineering, on the development of ethical codes, practice and teaching. Based in this work he offers consultancy across the sectors on developing cultures of responsible practice, going beyond CSR.

Mike Ormesher

Technical Director (Northern Europe)

Knauf Insulation

Mike has over 30 years' experience within the Construction industry, and he controls innovation and research strategies along with technical support services for Knauf Insulation. He maintains involvement in the wider group of Knauf for public affairs and sustainability practices. The Knauf group has operations in 60 countries with 150 manufacturing facilities, 26,000 employees and an annual turnover in excess of 7Bn Euro as a family run business.

Mike has experience of many manufacturing technologies from Concrete and clay to Insulation and has been instrumental in participating in, and setting up numerous organisations around MMC, such as the UKSIPS Association (now part of the Structural Timber Association) and is an active member of numerous industry groups such as BRE's Ambassador programme, MIMA, BBA Technical Committee, LSI Fellow and founding board member of the Building Performance Network (BPN). He is also an active contributor to numerous CEN Standards Committees around Real Performance and Product Performance Standards. An active participant in many industry and Governmental activities involving academia and other research bodies, Mike has a strong passion for sustainability and considers this to be a holistic measurement of a company's core competence, value proposition, customer service charter and complete resilience to maintain strong and lasting relationships.

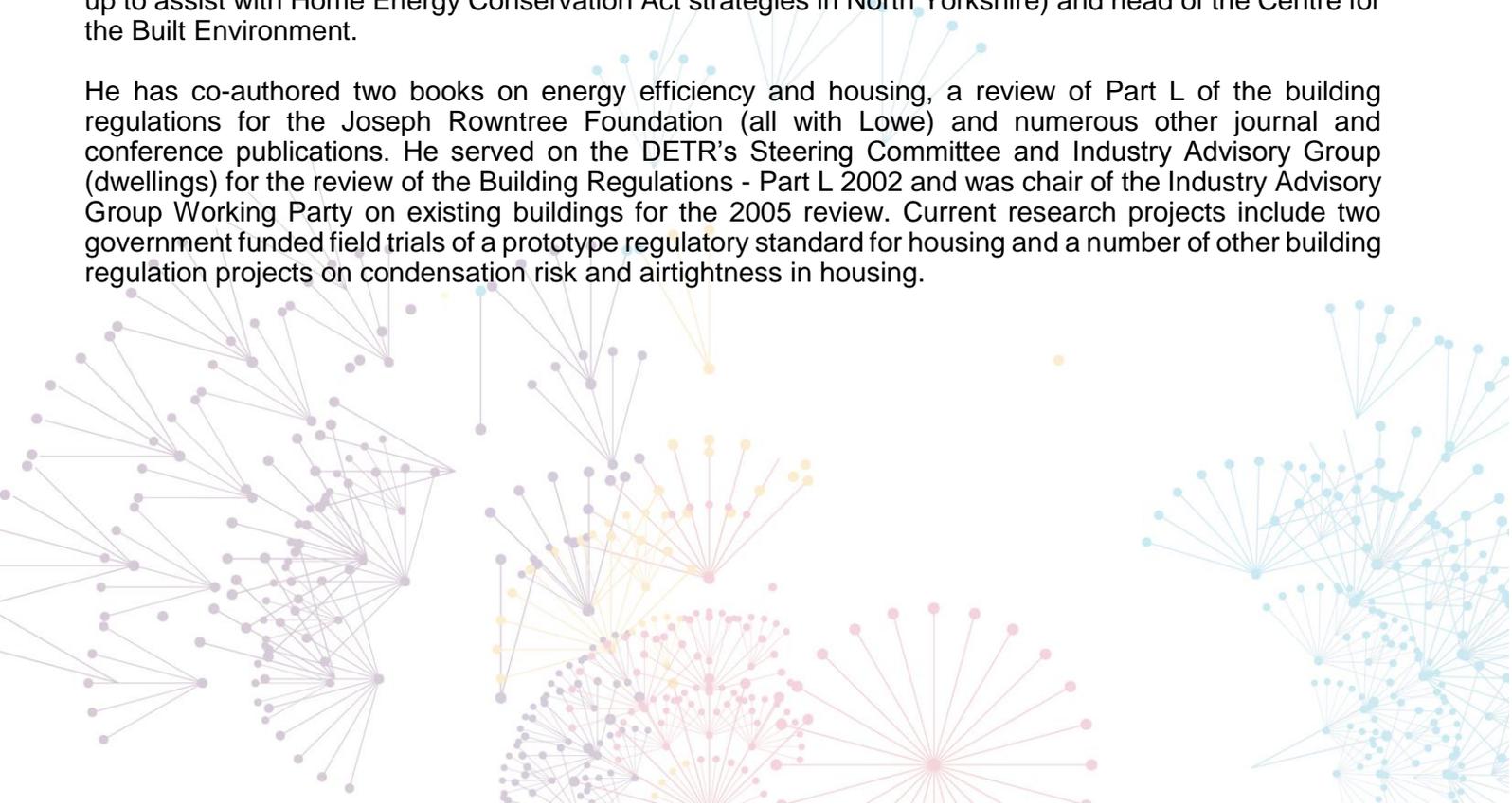
Malcolm Bell

Professor of Surveying and Sustainable Housing

Leeds Beckett University

Malcolm has managed housing renewal and maintenance programmes in a number of local authorities and has over 20 years' experience in teaching and research in the design and maintenance of the built environment. For the last 10 years he has focused on technical and policy issues relating to the development of sustainable housing. He is chair of the Energy Partnership (a not-for-profit company set up to assist with Home Energy Conservation Act strategies in North Yorkshire) and head of the Centre for the Built Environment.

He has co-authored two books on energy efficiency and housing, a review of Part L of the building regulations for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (all with Lowe) and numerous other journal and conference publications. He served on the DETR's Steering Committee and Industry Advisory Group (dwellings) for the review of the Building Regulations - Part L 2002 and was chair of the Industry Advisory Group Working Party on existing buildings for the 2005 review. Current research projects include two government funded field trials of a prototype regulatory standard for housing and a number of other building regulation projects on condensation risk and airtightness in housing.



Paul Chatterton

Professor of Urban Futures in the School of Geography

University of Leeds

Paul is a writer, researcher and campaigner and is currently Professor of Urban Futures in the School of Geography at the University of Leeds, where he co-founded the 'Cities and Social Justice' Research Cluster and MA in 'Activism and Social Change'.

He is currently Director of the University's Sustainable Cities Group. He has written extensively on urban change and renewal, civic experimentation and movements for social and ecological justice. His main interests are campaigning skills and techniques and urban social movements; urban development and how city centres are being privatised and corporatised; and alternative models for development, looking at the potential for self-management.

He is co-founder of the public charity 'Antipode' dedicated to research and scholarship in radical geography and an associate editor of the journal 'City'. Paul is also co-founder, first secretary and resident of the pioneering and award winning Leeds based low impact housing co-operative Lilac.

Chris Gorse

Director of the Leeds Sustainability Institute

Head of the Low Carbon Sustainability Research Group for the Centre for the Built Environment (CeBE)

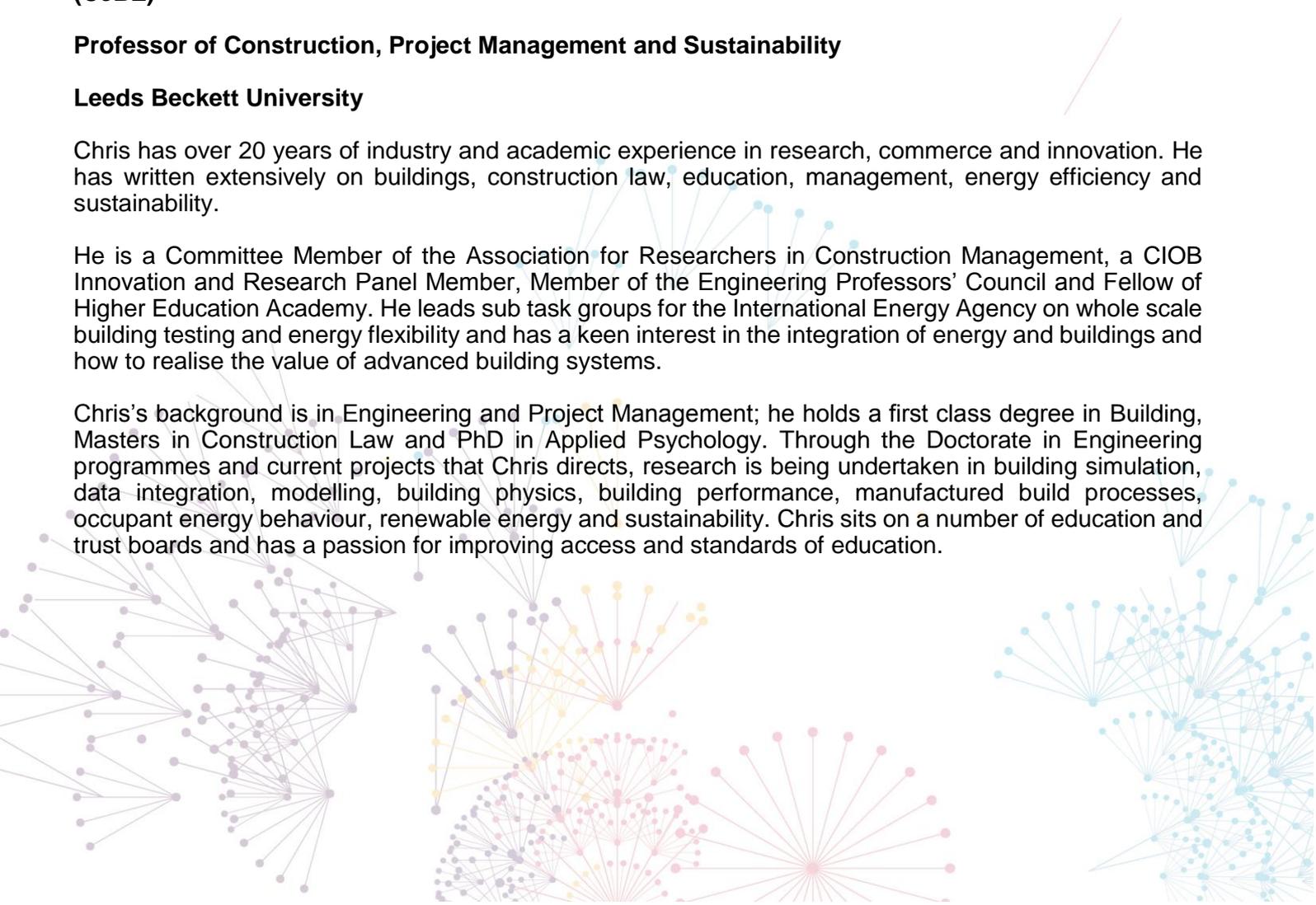
Professor of Construction, Project Management and Sustainability

Leeds Beckett University

Chris has over 20 years of industry and academic experience in research, commerce and innovation. He has written extensively on buildings, construction law, education, management, energy efficiency and sustainability.

He is a Committee Member of the Association for Researchers in Construction Management, a CIOB Innovation and Research Panel Member, Member of the Engineering Professors' Council and Fellow of Higher Education Academy. He leads sub task groups for the International Energy Agency on whole scale building testing and energy flexibility and has a keen interest in the integration of energy and buildings and how to realise the value of advanced building systems.

Chris's background is in Engineering and Project Management; he holds a first class degree in Building, Masters in Construction Law and PhD in Applied Psychology. Through the Doctorate in Engineering programmes and current projects that Chris directs, research is being undertaken in building simulation, data integration, modelling, building physics, building performance, manufactured build processes, occupant energy behaviour, renewable energy and sustainability. Chris sits on a number of education and trust boards and has a passion for improving access and standards of education.



Alice Owen

Lecturer in Business Sustainability & Stakeholder Engagement

University of Leeds

Alice's career has spanned private, public and voluntary sector organisations and she has a track record of achievement in developing and delivering projects to support more sustainable development.

Alice was the lead commissioner for local and regional issues with the UK Sustainable Development Commission from 2005 - 11. An engineer by training, Alice has been working in the field of sustainable development since 1991. She has first-hand experience of the chemical industry and of waste management operations. From 1996-8, she was an NGO project manager on a wide range of environmental education projects internationally. She first worked in the public sector as Head of Conservation and Policy at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, from 1998-2001. In 2001, she established the sustainable development team in Yorkshire Forward, one of nine English regional development agencies. Alice led consultancy firm Arup's sustainability consulting work from Leeds for five years before joining the University of Leeds.

Eric Rondeau

Professor at the University of Lorraine

Eric develops his research activities on industrial networks, internet of things and green networking in the Research Centre for Automatic Control in Nancy.

He was the main coordinator of the FP6 NeCST (Networked Control System Tolerant to faults) STREP project, exploring research opportunities in the direction of distributed control system in order to enhance the performances of diagnostics and fault tolerant control systems. In this context, he published the first papers combining control theory and network theory to control networked systems. In addition, he also participated in several national projects funded by the French research national agency. Currently, he has a collaboration with chemistry researchers at the University of Strasbourg to design new smart sensors for monitoring people's exposure to formaldehyde (CAPFEIN project). He was member of IFAC (International Federation of Automatic Control) TC (Technical Committee) 1.5 on Networked Systems (2005-2014) and is member of IFAC 8.3 'Modelling and Control of Environmental Systems'.

Eric is the director of a new international Master's in Green ICT entitled PERCCOM (PERvasive Computing and COMMunications for sustainable development) and labelled 'Erasmus Mundus' by the European Commission. It aims at combining advanced Information and Communication Technologies with environmental awareness to enable world-class education and unique competences for ICT professionals who can build cleaner, greener, more resource and energy efficient cyber-physical systems.

