



The National Manufacturing Debate

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Building on over twenty years' experience in sustainable industry & innovation, I aim to foster the better products, industry supply chains and systems that will make for a better future.

I am Director Of Sustainability at Valuechain where I am building on our suite of business intelligence platforms. They create visibility of the right information across supply chains, industry sectors and geographies that drives improved performance, competitiveness and resilience, reduces carbon footprint and facilitates the circular economy. Our platforms also foster the growth of supply chains to serve the industries of the future.

I am currently leading projects including:

- Virtual Learning Factory – building the skills that industry needs – eg. for digitisation and sustainability.
- ECO-SPRINT - enabling manufacturers to capture unprecedented business intelligence that will enable optimisation of energy-intensive processes such as casting, electroplating and heat treatment.

Previously I spent ten years at KTN (now Innovate UK KTN) - the UK's innovation network - making connections across sectors, disciplines and geographies - working at the intersection between industry, the knowledge base, solution providers, facilities, funding, policy makers etc. Particular focus areas were sustainability, circular economy, digitisation (industry 4.0), design, adoption/diffusion, and evidence.

Going further back my experience includes innovation/sustainability consultancy and ten years in industry as a Product Designer, Engineer and Project Manager, developing new products such as zero emission vehicles and solar panels, and taking them out of the lab to manufacturing fruition.