



Alison Somerville

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Alison's management background is in textiles, but at the turn of the millennium, as globalisation was biting the UK textiles sector, she took the opportunity to join the family engineering business in a Business Development role on a short-term basis – or that was the plan at the time! 20 something years on, Alison still here and feel proud and privileged to be at the helm.

Her interests span across science and art, and Alison hopes that this shows in her approach to life and leadership. Alison genuinely believes in people and relishes the opportunity to help support people through offering job security, opportunities to develop and to make a difference, together, through connecting and collaborating with one another and with others.

Alison's academic background and my belief in the value of togetherness and team spirit lends itself to her role as Team Lead of QHSE, Culture and Wellbeing team.

On a wider Leadership basis, Alison aspires to the '3P' or 'triple bottom line' business sustainability model and encourages others to consider it too – People, Planet and Profit, working together. This model is a pre-cursor to the burgeoning narrative of the Wellbeing Economy – an evolving movement that seeks to reshape economic systems and policies to prioritize human well-being, environmental sustainability, and social equity.

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