

> Jane Gilbert

Jane Gilbert is an organic resources expert, currently working as an independent consultant for her company, Carbon Clarity. Prior to this Jane managed the former UK Composting Association / Association for Organics Recycling for nine years.

Jane has a First Class Honours degree in microbiology, a PhD in biochemistry and a Master of Business Administration (MBA). She has applied this knowledge to the developing biowaste treatment and composting sectors in the UK, and has published extensively. Jane has worked collaboratively with a number of UK Government Departments and Agencies, such as the Cabinet Office, DEFRA, the Environment Agency, WRAP and the Welsh Assembly Government. She has also worked closely with the European Compost Network and International Solid Waste Association on a range of different bio-waste related policy developments.

Jane has specific experience in the following areas:

- Developing biowaste management policies and practices, both within the UK and Europe;
- The role and operation of certification schemes for composted materials and compostable packaging;
- The benefits and environmental impacts of biowaste treatment operations and the application of organic materials to land; and
- The development of the composting and nascent AD sectors in the UK.

Jane currently works for the Waste Management Industry Training and Advisory Board (WAMITAB) as an External Quality Assurer (external verifier), auditing its awarding centres.

Jane retains extensive professional contacts in order to maintain her specialist knowledge, and is involved in a number of organisations: member of the European Compost Network; the UK's representative on the Biological Treatment Working Group of the International Solid Waste Association (ISWA); and; a panel member on the British Standards Institute's committee PKW/0/-/1 Biodegradability.

Jane is a Chartered Waste Manager, being a corporate member of the Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (MCIWM), and a Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv), being a member of the Society for the Environment.

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