

Dr Gordon Edge

PROFILE

Career-long involvement in energy, the environment and climate change, initially in academia and journalism, and, most recently, in senior roles in advocacy and advice for the renewable energy industry.

At RenewableUK during a period of great change within the industry, held overall responsibility for coordinating policy issues relating to all aspects of market design, planning, economics and delivery of the technologies that the association champions. Promoted through key roles to Director of Policy, with a common interest throughout in the economic and business aspects of energy. Was fully engaged with the Association's interaction with Governmental and other stakeholders, including ministers, parliamentarians and regulators.

Previously recruited by Financial Times Energy to establish and edit *Renewable Energy Report*, a monthly publication covering business and policy developments in the wind, solar, biomass and geothermal sectors. Prior to FT Energy, wrote for, and edited, specialist electricity magazines.

CAREER SUMMARY

Inflection Point Energy Consulting

2017 - Date

Director

Inflection Point exists to leverage the knowledge and experience of Gordon Edge throughout his career, providing strategic and policy advice to actors in the energy industry. A portfolio of clients is benefitting from his wide range of skills.

RenewableUK

2004 - 2016

The leading trade association for the renewable generation sector in the UK; at the heart of energy policy-making; previously British Wind Energy Association (BWEA).

Director of Policy 2009-2016

Director of Economics & Markets 2006-09

Head of Offshore 2004-06

Responsible across all three roles for the organisation's thinking and responses to major policy consultations, particularly those with economic aspects. Key areas of expertise include market design and the impact of new technology on business models.

Having joined BWEA at an early stage, the organisation grew during this time from c.100 to c.500 members as the industry experienced dramatic change and increased prominence.

Activities and achievements included:

- One of the organisation's key public spokespeople, having extensive media and presentation experience, including numerous appearances in front of Parliamentary committees. Also regular contact across Government and Parliament, at both official and ministerial level.
- Engagement with stakeholders at the highest level, building positive relationships and using negotiation and diplomacy to represent diverse interests and priorities.
- Public speaking and media experience, including several appearances on national TV and radio.
- Leadership of teams (at peak 15 people), including recruitment, development and budgeting.
- Procurement and management of external research from a range of Consultants.
- Developed a deep understanding of the policy and politics around energy in the UK and Europe, including representation of RenewableUK in the policy development activities of Wind Europe.
- Building an extensive network of contacts across the sector.

Financial Times Energy/Platts**1999 - 2003****Journalist**

Established the *Renewable Energy Report* monthly newsletter under FT Energy and edited it through change of ownership to Platts. Followed and reported on business and policy developments in the renewable energy sector around the world.

- In-depth knowledge of the emerging renewable industries, the policy tools used to support them and the context in which they are implemented.

Wilmington Publications**1995 - 1998****Editor 1997-98****Deputy Editor 1996-97****Journalist 1995-96**

As a member of the general editorial staff of *Modern Power Systems*, gained detailed knowledge of the commercial structure of the global heavy electrical engineering industry.

Closely involved in development and launch of the title *Power Economics*, the subject matter of which was business, finance and policy developments in the global power generation industry, including the emergent renewable energy sector. Rose to editor of this publication.

- Managed material, colleagues and editorial budget, ensuring delivery of magazine to rigorous publication timetable.
- Developed in-depth knowledge of the commercial structure of the power generation industry worldwide, including market structures in European and global markets, as well as understanding of project finance as applied to the power sector.

University of East Anglia**1991 - 1994****Research Fellow in Energy and the Environment**

Developed tools for environmental analysis of fuel cycles, and researched philosophy and practice of environmental economics as applied in the energy sector. Project sponsored by Eastern Electricity (subsequently TXU Europe).

- In-depth knowledge of the environmental dimensions of energy policy and technology.
- Numerical analysis skills as applied to energy systems, which also gave insight into relative impacts of power generation technologies.

HIGHER EDUCATION

PhD - Centre for Environmental Technology, Imperial College**1987-1991**

Thesis title: *Decision Support Tools for Electricity Supply Planning in Developing Countries*. Developed user-friendly software for analysis and optimisation of new generation investment, allowing sophisticated modelling and sensitivity analysis of the economics of power systems on then-new desktop computers.

- In-depth knowledge of the development, operation and economics of electricity supply systems.
- Analytical skills including synthesising logical solutions to analyse problems and programme them.

BSc Physics (2:1) - York University**1984-1987****PERSONAL DETAILS**

Date of Birth: 02/10/1966. Nationality: British.

Personal Interests: Lifelong interest in green issues; co-ownership of a wood in Sussex in which the Small Pearl-Bordered Fritillary Butterfly has successfully bred.