

# Catherine Allen Appointed Associate Director UK National Oceanography Centre



The UK National Oceanography Centre (NOC) has announced the appointment of Catherine Allen as Associate Director for Government International & Public Engagement. Catherine will join NOC in June and brings a huge range of experience both as a communicator and senior leader with a sustained record of success in the private, public and charitable sectors. She joins NOC from a regional cancer charity, where she is currently chief executive and until 2015 was chief executive of the National Association of Round Tables of Great Britain and Ireland, an international community-based organization.

## Press and Public Relations

After graduating from the University of Lancaster with a BA in English, Catherine began her career with five years in the private sector in press and public relations before moving in 2003 to the Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust in various communications roles, progressing to head of corporate affairs. In 2009, Cait joined the Curriculum & Qualifications Authority as head of media and stakeholder relations.

## Understanding of the Ocean

Welcoming Catherine's appointment, Chief Executive of the National Oceanography Centre Professor Edward Hill said, "I am delighted Catherine will be joining us as the NOC progresses on its exciting journey as an independent organization. Catherine brings with her a wealth of experience to help us engage widely with the story of the ocean, its importance in all our lives, and the critical role that NOC plays in advancing knowledge and understanding of the ocean for the benefit of society and to inform key decisions for the future".

## Inspiring Scientist and Dedicated Employees

Catherine Allen said, "I feel privileged to be joining an organization that is helping us all understand more about the world in which we live. It is immediately clear that NOC has a team of awe-inspiring scientists, as well as very dedicated employees supporting their work. The organization has a real buzz and energy, so I can't wait to join the team. Having moved from the Midlands to live closer to the sea, I believe we all have lots to learn from the ocean and am looking forward to sharing the NOC's amazing work with policymakers, partners and the public."

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