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EU4Ocean: Atlantic and North Sea workshop

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Speaker Profiles



Having studied at the National Oceanography Centre, UK, **Russell Arnott** went on to work as a commercial oceanographer for a number of years. Retraining to become a secondary science teacher, Russell later left formal education to work with Incredible Oceans; a marine education non-profit. Russell is currently a researcher at the University of Bath where he studies plankton dynamics. He has also stood on the board of directors for the European Marine Science Educators' Association.



Claude Wohrer is currently attached to the "Secretariat Général de la mer" (Secretariat general for the Sea), office of the prime minister and Chair of the Atlantic Strategic Committee as French presidency representative. Claude graduated as a doctor in ocean sciences from the university of Paris.

She has been involved in the European Integrated Maritime Policy with a specific focus on sea basin strategies (Atlantic and Mediterranean) for the last 10 years.



Ms. **Eimear Manning** represents Ireland as an All-Atlantic Ocean Youth Ambassador. She holds a masters of science in marine sustainability, and travels frequently to Miami, Florida to assist in field-based tagging expeditions for coastal sharks and stingrays. She currently works at ECO-UNESCO as an Environmental Education and Youth Coordinator.



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François Arbellot is a consultant specialized in marine leisure, boating, maritime events, maritime education for youth and maritime vocational training.

He has coordinated several European cooperation projects dedicated to maritime and nautical issues and has conducted several studies on the development of maritime activities, tourism and watersports in France, China and Portugal

He is General Secretary of the Atlantic Watersports Committee which coordinates in particular the Atlantic

Games event. With his company, We Atlantic, François Arbellot is the Coordinator of the Erasmus Plus European cooperation project "Atlantic Youth" (Development of maritime inclusive education at school - 5 countries - 2017-2020). He is preparing, with several partners the "Atlantic Blue School" project.



Dr. **Nóirín Burke** is the Director of Education at Galway Atlantaquaria Ltd, the National Aquarium of Ireland, where she has worked for over 12 years. She is also co-secretariat for the Irish Ocean Literacy Network www.irishoceanliteracy.ie and is a board member of the Irish Whale and Dolphin Group. She has experience working on a range of ocean related education from Montessori to adult learning including the Explorers Education Programme; creating content for formal and informal education; evaluation; and stakeholder engagement. She is the regional co-ordinator for the

BIAZA conservation education committee in Ireland and was an ambassador for the Virtual Island Submit 2020.



Yann Leymarie is the Head of Sports and Youth Programs for the environmental NGO Surfrider Foundation Europe. Certified PRINCE2 - Foundation Project Manager with a result-driven and detailed oriented temperament, he has been running educational projects for the past 3 years and he is now coordinating the implementation of Surfrider Europe's Ocean Literacy strategy.

Yann Leymarie holds a MA in Asian and International Studies with a specialty in Conflict Resolution and Peace Management from the City University of Hong Kong.





Graduated in Sciences of the Sea; since 2002, **Lucía Fraga Lago** coordinates the Training department of the Technology Centre of the Sea, CETMAR, developing projects to promote the blue skills, and ocean literacy. She has been responsible for the management of The Aixola Training Centre since 2004, and coordinates the Blueprint MATES project, to create a skilling strategy for the shipbuilding and offshore renewable energy sectors. Since 2017 she participates in the “expert group on skills and careers development in the blue economy” launched by the DG MARE.



As program manager of the [SUBMARINER Network](#), **Eftalia Arvaniti** works closely with its 35+ members from R&D, public organisations and SMEs for promoting innovative and sustainable use of marine resources in the Baltic Sea Region (BSR) and beyond. Eftalia oversees the various [SUBMARINER projects](#) and actions and creates synergies and inter-linkages among them to increase impacts. Furthermore, as a blue detective, community builder, and innovation enabler, she curates innovative ideas and concepts and also connects actors and initiatives, using her background in biochemistry. Her aim is to catalyse development of innovative sustainable blue/green solutions, involving companies, R&D and governance. Eftalia Arvaniti has a PhD in chemical engineering, chemistry and biotechnology from Technical University of Denmark and a Msc in environmental sciences from Wageningen University and a certificate in Promoting Innovation by Climate-KIC. In the last 16 years Eftalia worked with numerous cross-disciplinary and cross-functional teams in six European countries.



A former journalist, **Ian Rowlands** is director of not-for-profit Incredible Oceans leading a small team and 900+ volunteers making ocean issues and inhabitants easier to understand and thus worth saving. Using science and art they aim to reach people from diverse socio-economic backgrounds and cultures, especially those not attracted to the issues. He runs communication training using cultural dynamics and social science, and the team use online broadcasts and videos, festivals and events, educational materials and school visits to carry out their work.

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Iwona Gin is Head of European Projects at Nausicaa, National Sea Experience Centre in France. She holds Master's degrees in Business Management and Administration, Applied Linguistics and International Relations. She has developed and managed science communication projects funded by DG Research and Innovation of the European Commission, as well as partnerships, expert group meetings, conferences, and workshops including the Marina, Sea for Society, Choose the Right Fish, ACCENT, Ocean Info Pack, World Ocean Network, Blue Planet Forum and international «Acting.

Together for the Future of the Blue Planet » meetings. Her expertise is mainly in stakeholder engagement and general public behaviour empowerment to inspire sustainable management of the oceans and seas.

