





Monday 25 October 2021 9.30 - 11.00 a.m.

Paris Alignment Forum – Asset owner event

A Chatham House discussion for pension funds developing climate action policies

Climate change and pension schemes — there's a price to pay! Jessie Wilson — Dalriada Trustees

Register **here** for this online event

Event Description

We are delighted to invite you to our Q4 asset owner event. This is a Chatham House peer-to-peer discussion for asset owners such as pension funds and those involved in the governance of assets.

The costs of investing in a climate aware manner are disproportionately felt by asset owners – be that through higher fund fees paid to investment managers or paying consultants to access basic portfolio level carbon data. That's before you consider regulated TCFD reporting and increasing disclosures to pensions scheme members. If climate change is "a code red for humanity" and a financially material risk for Trustees – shouldn't the costs be spread more fairly through the financial chain?

Jessie Wilson, from Dalriada Trustees, will discuss increased costs and other practical hurdles, and solutions, facing trustees when attempting to invest in a climate aware manner.

This will be followed by roundtable discussion with an opportunity for delegates to share experiences and challenges that they face.

Objective: to promote discussion and understanding of the hidden costs of climate action strategies for pension funds.

Outcome: delegates will be able to take examples of solutions back to their trustee boards for consideration in their own funds.

Suitable for: anyone involved in the governance of assets and pension funds such as Trustees of corporate defined benefit plans, Trustees of corporate defined contribution plans; master trusts; LGPS pensions managers and committee members, and in-house pension teams. Please note that this is an asset-owner only event, it is not suitable for asset managers or consultants.

Registration

Please register for this event at this <u>link</u>. Delegates will be sent dial-in details after registering for the event.





If you are not already a member, you will also be invited to register as a Paris Alignment Forum Member and Pensions For Purpose Affiliate. Membership is free and you will receive regular updates about Paris Alignment Forum activities.

Jessie Wilson, Dalriada Trustees



Jessie is a Professional Trustee at Dalriada. She has spent her career with a sole focus – to do the upmost for her clients, placing them at the centre of her work. Jessie has had a career-long interest in ESG investing, with a strong belief in both the social benefits it can bring and its potential to reduce investment risk and enhance returns. As the investment world is working overdrive in this area, Jessie looks forward to helping clients navigate this challenge.

She spent the last decade working as an investment relationship manager, leading relationships with US-based institutional clients. This included state and private pension funds, foundations and endowments and financial institutions where clients entrusted her with assets up to \$3bn. Prior to this, Jessie worked as an actuarial analyst focusing on UK-based pension

schemes. Her passion for learning led her to qualify as an Actuary and a CFA Charterholder and, most recently, she gained the CFA UK Certificate in ESG Investing.

The Paris Alignment Forum

The Paris Alignment Forum was established by Pensions for Purpose to help pension funds and other asset owners on their journey towards alignment with the goals of the Paris Agreement. We do this by sharing climate-related thought leadership written by our Influencer members (asset managers, consultants and lawyers), by running free training workshops for trustees and by engaging in industry-wide conversation through our quarterly all-stakeholder and asset-owner events. To find out more please click here.

To become a Paris Alignment Forum member, or if you would like to find out more, please email mike.rogers@pensionsforpurpose.com.

Pensions for Purpose

Pensions for Purpose exists as a bridge between asset managers, pension funds and their professional advisers, to encourage the flow of capital towards impact investment. Our aim is to empower pension funds to seek positive impact opportunities and mitigate negative impact risks.

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