

Hannah Vickers



Chief Executive, Association for Consultancy and Engineering

A civil engineer by profession, Hannah is chief executive of the **Association for Consultancy and Engineering** (ACE) which represents the businesses who design, deliver, and manage our national infrastructure and built environment.

She represents ACE on the **Construction Leadership Council** (CLC) where she has shaped the industry response to the pandemic, leads **Construct Zero**, an industry change programme to help meet Net Zero by 2050, and spearheaded the launch of the industry-wide skills platform, the **Construction Talent Retention Scheme**. She also provided industry input to the drafting of the **Construction Playbook**.

In her first year at ACE, she launched the **Future of Consultancy** which aims to pivot an entire sector to seize the opportunities offered by a better connected, technology-first approach to the development, design, construction, and operation of our built environment.

She is also a non-executive board member at **Monmouthshire Housing Association** where she chairs the development committee with delegated authority to approve investment decisions, advise on prioritisation of developments, and has oversight of risks and opportunities.

Hannah joined ACE from the **Institution of Civil Engineers** where she led the policy and public affairs team and the development and onboarding of the first clients to **Project 13**.

Prior to this she worked at **Infrastructure UK**, part of **HM Treasury**. In this role she provided infrastructure delivery policy advice to support Ministers, including the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Chief Secretary and Commercial Secretary, focusing on the commercial and delivery capability of client organisations.

She also supported clients during project initiation advising senior stakeholders from private and regulated sectors to improve the delivery, performance, and outcomes of major projects. As part of this role, she also developed and delivered successful training programmes on infrastructure planning, appraisal, and delivery to the governments of Argentina, Brazil, China, Egypt, and Indonesia.

She joined Infrastructure UK after ten years at the **Environment Agency** where she worked in a number of different roles, including leading the approach to efficiency across innovation, corporate and commercial strategy across the £3 billion capital construction programme, as well as broader management positions in project management across a range of flood defence schemes capital construction schemes.

She started her career as an **apprentice** and holds a BSc in River and Coastal Engineering from the **University of West of England** and was incorporated as a civil engineer (MICE) for her work on the hydraulic design of flood embankment and flood storage reservoirs.

