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Paul Rennie was born in Edinburgh and educated at George Heriot's School, before going on to graduate with an MA in Economics and Politics (Edinburgh University) and an MSc in Economics (York University).

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Nicolette Brent, MBE Her Majesty's Consul General Miami



Nicolette Brent commenced her role as Her Majesty's Consul General in Miami in late August 2018 and leads the Government's work promoting UK economic, commercial, political and consular interests in Miami, the state of Florida, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands.

Nicolette's previous role was as Deputy Head of Crisis Management Department in London, helping the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and its global network to prepare for crises. Whilst in the role, Nicolette managed the response to various crises including the Nepal earthquake; the terrorist attacks in Tunisia, France, Belgium and UK; conflict in South Sudan; the political crises in Zimbabwe and Gambia; as well as the 2017 Caribbean hurricanes. Nicolette has served in a number of roles overseas, most recently as Head of Governor's Office in the British Virgin Islands, Deputy Consul General in Iraq, Vice Consul in Lebanon and earlier postings in Greece, Malaysia, Thailand and Egypt.



The Consulate's priorities are to protect the United Kingdom and our interests and people; project our global influence and promote our prosperity. With these priorities in mind, we seek to be a force for good in the world. This means advocating for our beliefs and values. We will show diplomatic leadership in combating climate change, Human rights and the International rules base system.

Catherine Wright Environment Agency, England, UK, Executive Director of Flood and Coastal Risk Management



Catherine was the Director of Digital & Skills before moving on as the Executive Director of Flood and Coastal Risk Management.

During her twenty years with the agency, she led various departments including flood risk management, water quality planning, marine and waste regulation.





Alex Codd Assistant Director for Economic Development & Regeneration Hull City Council, UK



Alex Codd is the Assistant Director for Economic Development & Regeneration since January 2019, prior to this he was the City Planning Manager at Hull City Council for 10 years where among the many things he led are the development of the Council's first Strategic Flood Risk Assessment. Prior to this he worked at the Environment Agency for 6 years. He is a qualified Town Planner and was shortlisted for the Young Planner of the Year due to his role in responding to the 2007 floods in Hull.

He leads the Economic Development team in Hull within which he built the Lead Local Authority Flood Team which was a key component leading to Hull becoming 1 of 5 International water resilient cities. He is a board member of the Living with Water Partnership. He was central to the City Council's recovery to the floods in 2007 and again in 2013 and has played a major role in delivering the £3billion of investment that has come into the city over the last 5 years, which has included Siemens, RB and Building Schools for Future projects.



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Evin has 15 years of experience in trade, investment and business development having previously worked with the Australian Trade and Investment Commission in Australia, New Zealand, Turkey, Azerbaijan and Georgia. She delivered ministerial visits, trade missions, market visit programs and major events (i.e. Anzac Commemorations). She received Australian Government's Service Excellence Award in 2015. Evin also has local government and consular emergency experience (Auckland Council New Zealand & Australian Government Crisis Management Centre EMEA Region) where she was trained & served during natural disasters and civil unrests. Evin speaks three languages (English, German, Turkish).



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