Careers in Energy and Sustainable Development

Derval Barzey

CARICOM Girls in ICT Partnership STEM/STEAM Career Webinar Series

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17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD





My journey...

- BSc. Environmental & Natural Resource Management, with Agribusiness
- NEBOSH General Certificate
- Undergraduate (summer) Trainee/ Intern
- Graduate Trainee/ Intern (2-year)
- Health Safety and Environment Specialist.

Health, Safety & Environment

Environmental Impact Assessments

Regulatory Compliance

Effluent Monitoring

Writing and reviews of policies & procedures

Project development and implementation

Stakeholder Engagement

Awareness Training

Oil Spill & Drill cuttings modelling

Emergency Response management

Management Systems



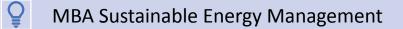




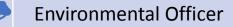


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HSE Specialist



Sustainable Energy Research Assistant



Project Officer Energy

Sustainability Consultant

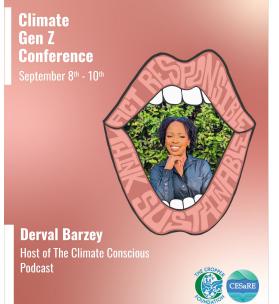
Podcast Host



OUR GRADUATES

Environmentalist Derval Barzey

Caribbean Woman, Climate Conscious



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DERVAL BARZEY

EPISODE 170 Caribbean Climate Consciousness BY ZAHRA GORDON



Working in the energy sector was somewhat of a wake-up call for environmentalist Derval Barzey. She had a lifelong interest in the environment, but her position at an oil and gas company in environmental risk management put more into perspective. There, she saw firsthand how energy impacted the environment and, moreover, how climate change was a multifaceted issue - one such facet was the lack of Caribbean voices in climate advocacy.

"It's not just a climate crisis – it's a health crisis. It's an economic crisis. I wanted to help people who would listen make that connection," said Barzey speaking of her podcast, *The Climate Conscious.* "Although climate change is a global issue, the conversations are being dominated now by what we refer to as the Global North or developed nations. The flip side to that is me being from the Caribbean and observing the impacts of climate change and acknowledging that our region is classed as one of the most, if not the most, vulnerable regions for climate change. If persons are not really involved in the environmental or sustainability space, they're basically going about their lives trying to survive and put food on the table, and not really making the connection

between their lives, their livelihood, and the climate crisis." The Climate Conscious is focused on discussing advocacy around climate change and environmental sustainability, specifically in the Caribbean and Small Island Developing States (SIDS). Started in 2020, the podcast has been quite successful in its two-year existence. Listed as one of the top sustainability podcasts in 2021 by University College London, Climate Conscious has 41 episodes and 4,550 downloads thus far with listeners in 106 countries. The podcast was also the foundation for the recently held "Caribbean Women for Climate Justice Conference" organised by Barzey in conjunction with Guyanese NGO, The Breadfruit Collective.

All of these projects are a culmination of years of studying the environment and acknowledging the need for regional action on climate change. Barzey is an alumna of both The UWI St Augustine and the Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business, (now known as the Arthur Lok Jack Global School of Business), where she obtained a BSc in Environmental and Natural Resource Management and an MBA in Sustainable Energy Management. She noted that her time at The UWI was pivotal in her transition from interest in the environment, to career, to then the passion project of her podcast. 'It was pointed out that, particularly in our region, women seem to be the face of climate activism, and even though that is true, the issue is that in the seats of power, it doesn't often reflect the gender dynamics of the actual population. - Derval Barzey

"UWI sowed the seeds of it. The programme game broad exposure to environment and natural resout management, but also looking at natural ecosystems a getting an understanding of the biodiversity that exit in our space. One fascinating thing for me was looki at seawater under the microscope and discovering all to understand how vast our environment is beyond wil we can see with the natural eye, and go deeper into a papreciation of the environment.

"There's a lot going on in the region, but because our geographic fragmentation, we haven't really figured or regional integration fully yet. So, I could be doing somethin in T&T and somebody doing something similar in Jamai but we're unaware of each other. If we were able to part or collaborate, we could be able to share resources and ide and the results could be much more effective," she said.

According to Barzey; there's a need for integrated acti in the Caribbean that goes beyond signing internation agreements. "For us as SIDS, we have similar liv experiences when it comes to the climate crisis, and comi together would allow us to make stronger representation ourselves as opposed to going alone. There's a saying t we are stronger together, and that's definitely true because we're coming up against more powerful nations and are demanding that they act responsibly. Another side of it would be our shared history of colonisation and exploitation which came out as being the root of the climate and gender injustice issue. There's more that brings us together than separates us, and for us to be effective in what we accomplish, we need to partner," added Barzev.

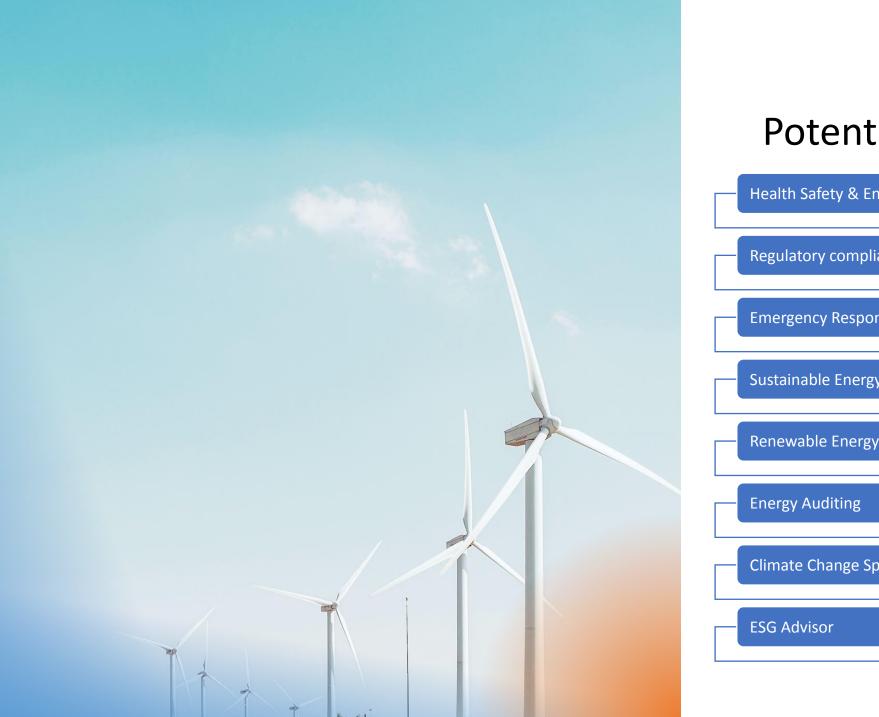
Part of her purpose for both the podcast and conference was also highlighting the need for more female voices, not only in activist circles, but as top environmental decision makers. It was pointed out that, particularly in our region, women seem to be the face of cimate activism, and even though that is true, the issue is that in the seats of power, it doesn't often reflect the sender dynamics of the actual

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Potential roles



Continuing Development

- Project Management
- Solar PV systems
- ISO 14001 Management System Auditing
- Climate Finance
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Waste Management
- Certified Energy Management (CEM)
- Greenhouse Gas Accounting
- Life Cycle Assessment
- GIS



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DIVERSIFY, UNLEARN, RELEARN & UPSKILL

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LEVERAGE TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

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NETWORK, VOLUNTEER, PARTICIPATE IN INDUSTRY EVENTS

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CREATE YOUR PATH

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Thank You

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CLIMATE CHANGE ABCs Pt.2

with **Derval Barzey** Sustainability Consultant