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Kirsty Curry is an experienced supply chain professional with over 10 years knowledge in all aspects of procurement and supply chain management. She has worked extensively in the OJEU arena procuring works and services for Major Capital projects on multi contracting strategies.

Experienced in the end-to-end procurement process from development of the contracting strategy, conducting sourcing events compliant with procurement regulations and internal governance, to post contract management, variation and cost control while adhering to the principles of ensuring stakeholder engagement at every stage.

Kirsty is an advocate of Responsible Procurement and of supplier integration and development programmes focusing on SHEQ, social, economic and innovation policy. She has been heavily involved with the Code of Conduct (Buyer & Supplier), the Living Wage Foundation, local supplier development programmes and Prompt Payment Code.

When SSE plc decided to become an accredited employer for the Living Wage, a sense of panic enveloped Kirsty. With a supply chain of over 10,000 and growing on a monthly basis, how would she implement and monitor this?

Working with the Living Wage Foundation to develop a realistic, meaningful and achievable programme, was the first stage. Identifying ways to monitor LW compliant contracts, amending contract clauses, briefing procurement staff and providing a robust business support mechanism were also high on the 'To Do List'. She navigated her way through the strict competition rules set by Europe for monopoly utilities, rules that are similar to those for public sector procurement, ensuring that implementing higher social standards through contracts was done in a fair and open way.

Kirsty has an aptitude for shaping and leading the delivery of strategic procurement and business change frameworks. She has had practical experience of implementing a sustainable business process to help improve lives by taking responsibility and influencing our supply chain.



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