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I have been the head of the pollution programme at the Marine Conservation Society since 2013. We run the beachwatch programme, the largest UK survey and beach clean in the UK. The pollution team is currently coordinating a number of campaigns to reduce the amount of litter found on our beaches as well as lobbying for changes both at the UK and EU level.

I previously worked at the University of Bristol researching the impacts of climate change, and worked at a number of universities internationally. Prior to entering academia I was a management consultant.