

Having spent my entire career at Forth Engineering – starting out as an apprentice and working my way up to Managing Director – I’ve experienced first-hand the full spectrum of what it takes to build and sustain a successful engineering business. I’ve seen the highs of growth and opportunity, and the lows that test resilience and leadership. That journey gives me a grounded, practical understanding of the challenges our members face every day.

I often say that throughout my career I’ve been catching the grenades thrown at me by our Chief, Mark Telford – turning bold ambition and big ideas into safe, sustainable, first-class engineering delivery. That experience has shaped my approach: solutions-focused, commercially aware and always thinking about how we move forward stronger than before.

If appointed to the BECBC Board, I would represent members with honesty and pragmatism. I understand the pressures on SMEs operating in the energy sector – supply chain demands, skills shortages, regulation and the constant need to adapt. As part of the RESOLVE collaboration with three fellow BECBC members, I can also bring insight into how partnership working between SMEs strengthens capability and competitiveness across the region.

Forth is deeply committed to social value and growing local talent. I’m passionate about ensuring our sector continues to create meaningful opportunities for young people in West Cumbria.

I believe I can offer a strong, experienced and authentic voice for members – particularly SMEs – helping ensure BECBC remains focused, collaborative and ambitious for our region’s future.