

Welcome to our special event on

The importance of place

USC Global & Q5 welcome
Dean Christopher Boone to London

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Thorney House, 34 Smith Square, Westminster,
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Welcome!

About Dean Boone



Chris Boone

**Dean, USC Sol Price School of Public Policy
C. Erwin and Ione L. Piper Chair**

Christopher G. Boone is the Dean and the C. Erwin and Ione L. Piper Chair for the Sol Price School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California. His research contributes to scholarship and practice in sustainable urbanization, environmental justice, urban ecology, global environmental change, and higher education innovation.

He was a co-pi and senior scientist for two Long Term Ecological Research programs, the Baltimore Ecosystem Study and the Central Arizona Phoenix LTER. He served on the scientific steering committee of the Urbanization and Global Environmental Change Programme (an IHDP and Future Earth project) and was a board member for the Global Council for Science and the Environment.

Chris was recently appointed to the Roundtable on Science and Technology for Sustainability at the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. As a leader of the National Sustainability Society and executive committee member of the Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement, we welcome his expertise and achievement to the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy.

Meet Our Panellists



Nikki Davies

Chief Executive Officer, Meeting Place

As Chief Executive, Nikki devises Meeting Place's vision, mission and strategy to ensure that products and services deliver value and innovation for clients and better outcomes for the development sector as a whole. She is a frequent speaker and panellist on the subject, having spoken at numerous national and regional events.

Through her work at Meeting Place, she supports sustainable placemaking on behalf of clients such as Legal & General, The Defence Infrastructure Organisation and Homes England.

Nikki is also a governor at an all-through special education needs school in Bristol, serving as both their careers link governor and Enterprise Advisor. She is a Babbasa Equal Opportunities Ambassador, working with under-represented young people in Bristol to pursue their ambitions through professional mentoring. Through this work, she has gained an in-depth understanding of both the diverse and intersecting needs of a variety of communities.



Lord Duncan of Springbank

Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords

Ian Duncan was raised to the peerage by UK Prime Minister in 2017, and immediately joined the government. Over several years he served in each of the Government's territorial ministries (Scotland, Wales & Northern Ireland) and laterally as the UK Government's Climate Minister. He is now Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords.

Prior to joining the Government, Ian spent over a dozen years in Brussels, laterally as a Member of the European Parliament with a policy focus on energy and climate change. He previously worked with BP, the Scottish Refugee Council, the Scottish Fishermen's Federation and taught at the University of Bristol.

Ian is also the Chair of the Confederation of Forest Industries, President of the Association for Decentralised Energy, and the English-Speaking Union (Scotland) and a Board Member of the USC Schwarzenegger Institute and the John Smith Trust.



Tyler Goodwin

Founder and CEO, Seaforth Land Limited

Tyler Goodwin is a seasoned global real estate executive with over 35 years of experience spanning institutional investment, finance and development. As the founder and CEO of Seaforth Land, a regulated operating partner based in London, Tyler has led the repositioning and delivery of over 600,000 square feet of landmark buildings in Zone 1 Central London. Seaforth is known for pioneering deep retrofit and conservation-led developments that blend sustainability with exceptional tenant experience.

Under his leadership, Seaforth is now expanding into two new sectors: a data center land joint venture designed to meet the infrastructure needs of the digital economy, and an innovative heritage tourism venture, with the first immersive attraction currently in development in London.

Tyler's career spans four continents—Canada, the U.S., Asia, and Europe—and includes senior roles at JPMorgan and Deutsche Bank, where he specialized in real estate investment banking, private equity, special situations, and investment management. Before founding Seaforth, he served as the founding CEO of Lodha UK, where he led the £400mn acquisition of trophy development sites including 1 Grosvenor Square in Mayfair.

Tyler is a long-standing advocate for the role of public policy in shaping the built environment and has served for 15 years on the Board of Councillors at the USC Price School of Public Policy, where he earned his master's degree in real estate development.

Combining finance expertise across the capital stack with deep development execution capability, Tyler brings a unique multi-cycle perspective to every project—from entitlement and design to delivery, stabilisation, and long-term value creation.

USC Sustainability

The University of Southern California is working toward a healthy and thriving planet.

Situated in one of the most diverse regions in the world, USC is uniquely positioned to empower environmental changemakers who will build a resilient Los Angeles, revitalize a healthy ocean to build a blue economy, drive the clean energy transition and elevate climate narratives to raise awareness and inspire climate action in this decisive decade. Practical research is in USC's DNA, and with all eyes on designing an environmentally responsible Los Angeles Olympics in 2028, the solutions developed at USC and in LA can be scaled and applied to anywhere in the world.



Empower Environmental Changemakers

USC integrates interdisciplinary learning, immersive global study experiences, and cutting-edge research to empower students, researchers, and policy influencers as impactful changemakers.



Resilient Los Angeles

Spearheading initiatives to plant trees on LA's Eastside, reimagine the LA river, pioneer water reuse technologies, and transform transportation through improving public transportation and promoting sustainable supply chain practices, USC is working to make Los Angeles a more sustainable, equitable city. USC is actively involved in greening healthcare operations and creating community health improvements.



Healthy Ocean and Blue Economy

USC enhances coastal resilience, promotes sustainable fishing and sea farming practices, and develops alternative energy solutions through impactful research, education, and outreach, addressing climate change and fostering a healthy coastal environment and economy in the busiest seaport in the Western Hemisphere.



Clean Energy Transition

Driving the clean energy transition, USC fosters innovation, leadership, and practical solutions for a sustainable energy future through full-time projects with business leaders and initiatives that develop future champions and advance decarbonization strategies.



Elevating Climate Narratives

Leveraging story telling, journalism, and the arts to raise awareness and inspire action on climate issues, USC empowers journalists, communication professionals, artists, and community members to address pressing climate challenges all within proximity to Hollywood's creative industries.

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Q5. The art and science of organisational health.

We're an award-winning, **global** consulting firm focused on **organisational performance** and **transformational growth**.

Driving lasting transformation takes both technical expertise ("Science") and a deep understanding of people ("Art") and that's what Q5 brings. We work closely with clients as part of their teams, combining external expertise with their unique insight.



Alignment around a common purpose which drives a clear and coherent strategy



Effective and efficient operating model and organisation design



Talented people motivated by the right culture and empowered by their leaders



All underpinned by technology, data and insights that align to strategic objectives



A proven ability to implement change and transformation

Our latest thinking

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Sustainability transformation: moving from intent to action

This report brings together expertise from consultancies such as Q5, H&Z, Cordial, MBS, Kea, and rpc.



We've gathered insights from 160 organisations and conducted interviews with over 50 business leaders across 27 countries.

Consumer influence is reshaping sustainability efforts. Understand how regulatory pressures also play a role.

Our SPRING Framework provides practical steps and insights to accelerate your sustainability journey.

What is a Target Operating Model?

How to effectively design, implement, and evolve a Target Operating Model.



A Target Operating Model (TOM) serves as the blueprint for how an organisation should function to achieve its goals.

We explore key elements such as strategy, value chains, enterprise architecture, roles, culture and performance, and provide practical insights on how to effectively design, implement, and evolve a TOM.

Q5 Foundation: Impact Report 2024

How our pro-bono consulting is making a real difference for charities, communities, and young people.



In FY23/24, we provided £1 million in pro bono consulting to 24 charities and not-for-profits through the Q5 Foundation.

Our four pillars: Pop-Up Consulting, Community Partnerships, Young People, and Research Collaborations drive lasting social impact.

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