



VERSION 1

Version 1 Shadow Board 2021/22

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Grace Walsh - Business Systems - Associate Consultant

My name is Grace Walsh and I joined Version 1 in September 2019 as part of the Accelerate Programme, after completing my MSc in Information Systems in UCC. I completed my Bachelor of Business Studies in UL, majoring in Marketing and minoring in Business Informatics. Since joining, I have primarily been working with the Business Systems team based in Dublin. I update and maintain our contract management system, and provide internal support for Atlas.



Maanadh Naik - UK Digital Data & Cloud - Associate Consultant

I Joined Version1 in Jan 2020 and have been part of the BI & analytics practice across multiple teams. I have a Computer science background with a major in Math/Statistics/Calculus and completed my Masters in Cork Institute of Technology in Data Science in 2019. I have worked on projects on my own like understanding customer behaviour through eye-tracking data, Working with spectral data to determine water pollution levels, etc. Outside of work, I am a great cricket and football enthusiast, and played as a goalkeeper for a brief time. Having lived in Cork for nearly 3 years now with an Irish host family, it's my second home and has to be the friendliest county in Ireland (still struggle with the accent though). Really excited to be a part of the shadow board and get to know the others who just seem a fantastic bunch.



Gary Finegan - Finance - Financial Accountant

My name is Gary Finegan and I'm a Group Financial Accountant in Version 1. After a challenging but rewarding six-and-a-half-years from starting in Maynooth University to becoming a qualified Chartered Accountant, I was lucky enough to land my first industry role in Version 1 in May 2019. Version 1's core values were a key reason why I joined – it felt like a perfect match. Version 1 has proved to be a Great Place to Work but not an easy place to work – my role has a focus on internal and external corporate reporting requirements and with that comes great exposure to the operations of the whole business and new and interesting challenges. I have great pride and interest in what this incredibly ambitious company wants to achieve and I want to contribute as much as possible over the coming year and beyond.



Jessica Clarke - SAM & Licence Management - Administrator

Hi, I'm Jessica Clarke and I have worked within the SAM practice on the resale team since September 2017. We look after all license and hardware requests for around 300 customers. My main focus is on all things Microsoft CSP. I work out of the Knutsford office in the UK, a very small but perfectly well-formed office. I am probably one of the only members on the shadow board to not have a degree or be a grad and my career has ranged from JD sports to sandwich maker to warehouse sweeper but a little hard work can always get you where you want to be!



Justin Hillis - Ireland D&C Solutions - Managed Services Consultant

My Name is Justin Hillis and I started with Version 1 in June 2017 on the accelerate program. I have been a managed services consultant since then in the Belfast Office. I predominantly work with Oracle Technologies on contracts supporting both the NI Courts and Flogas. I have always maintained an interest in the wider aspects of life at Version 1 and have been a keen member of various local engagement initiatives throughout my time at the company so far, which is something I remain passionate about. I also have a keen interest in music and sport, foolishly supporting Chelsea FC for my sins, hopefully that won't be held against me.



Tanya Matthews - Ireland D&C Solutions - Business Analyst

My name is Tanya Matthews, and I am a Business Analyst based in the Belfast office. I am working on the DAERA account, and work in a specialist GIS team. Our projects range from using drones to replace manual surveying of land to unlocking and sharing spatial data within DAERA. I also work on the community employer team in Belfast, helping to promote Version 1 as a leading employer in NI and to encourage young people into an IT career. I joined in August 2020 and I am hoping to make lots of new connections through this opportunity. Outside of work, I love getting outdoors – I am an avid runner and plan to run my second marathon this October. I am delighted to be part of this year's shadow board and hope we can continue to deliver the great work that was started by the previous shadow board.



Jamie Gaynor - Business Support - Learning & Development Analyst

Originally from Tipperary, I joined Version 1 in June 2016 as part of the Super Grads programme after graduating from NUI Galway with a degree in Business Information Systems. My first role was in the ERP Managed Services. I then took a career break to move to Toronto for 2 years before returning to Version 1 in January 2020. My 2020 consisted of starting again in ERP MS, a secondment in the Accounts Receivable Team, and working on the Digital Transformation Programme in Bank of Ireland as a Business Analyst. I rotated into our Organisational Development Team in 2021 where I now get to work with, support, and develop individuals and teams across the entire company. I am looking forward to working together with the 2021 Shadow Board and to build new relationships.



Kanika Mahajan - Oracle Applications (SDC) - Associate Consultant

I am a Qualified Chartered Accountant from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. I joined Bengaluru office of Version 1 in March 2020 as an Associate consultant and was onboarded on the L1 Team of ERP Managed Services. After completing one year and 2 months in L1 Team, I have now moved into the Cloud Consultancy Team and working on the exciting Oracle Cloud implementation project for the customer GSTT. I like learning new things and I always want to see what is around the next corner. Shadow Board is a rare opportunity to explore business in our 20s. Apart from Oracle, I love cooking and I do it for fun on the weekends.



Amar Bhogal - UK Digital Data & Cloud - AWS DevOps Engineer

My name is Amar Bhogal and I joined Version 1 in February 2021. I am from Birmingham and I also studied for my undergraduate degree in Chemistry at the University of Birmingham. As an AWS DevOps Engineer, I joined the UKDDC practice and have been working on a major public sector project. Outside of Version 1, I'm a massive football fan, particularly Arsenal. I currently play on the weekends for my club, Punjab United, in the West Midlands regional league. I am a massive technology and gaming nerd and even started building PCs in the last few years. Although I haven't been with Version 1 long, I'm very excited about this opportunity to learn and work with my colleagues to make a positive impact on the company moving forward.



Katie Flynn - Finance - Legal Executive

Hi, my name is Katie Flynn. After growing up in Belgium, I have returned to my roots in Ireland with a few stops on the way when I studied European Law in the Netherlands. What started as a great internship opportunity has grown into a professional home at Version 1. As part of the Legal Team, we balance being easy to do business with and protecting the business which is a perspective I hope to bring to the Shadow Board. I am very excited to get to know everyone and can't wait to get started.



Colm Keaveney - Ireland D&C Solutions - Managed Services Consultant

My name is Colm Keaveney, born and raised in Galway, and now living in Dublin since joining Version 1 in September 2017. I studied Civil Law in NUIG, before completing a master's in Information Systems Management which led me to Version 1. I found that Version 1 was the perfect place to allow me to explore a number of different options and identify my preferred pathway. I have primarily worked in Application Support and Managed Services with clients in the utilities sector. I am moving into a new Cloud Consulting role which will allow me to develop my technical skillset further. I am looking forward to working on the Shadow Board this year and hopeful we can follow on from the previous board in providing real value to the organisation and our people.



Ula Piotrkowicz - UK Digital Data & Cloud - Data Analytics Associate Consultant

My name is Ula. I've began my studies with a Bachelor's in Business Administration, moved to Marketing for my Master's, and eventually did another Master's degree in FinTech. I joined Version 1 right after graduating and I've been working as a Data Analytics Consultant since October 2020. As a relative newbie, I'm still learning about Version 1. But one thing I know for sure is that the people working here are, just like Tina Turner's hit song or a hot chocolate on a rainy day, simply the best. As a Shadow Board member, I look forward to working with other ambitious people and seeing the impact we will have on our company.



Glen Walters - Customer Success - Account Manager

I'm Glen Walters. I joined the Version 1 UK Public Sector Sales team in August 2020 in the midst of the pandemic which has made for an interesting introduction to the organisation! I'm looking forward to developing connections and relationships across the business, and engaging on meaningful projects that make a difference in Version 1 as part of Shadow Board 2.0. Outside of work, I've a keen passion for reading science fiction, kicking footballs, and I've been known to play chess from time to time.



Barry Clifford - Ireland D&C Solutions - Infrastructure Consultant

I joined Version 1 in June 2016 as part of the SuperGrads program on the back of completing a degree in Computer Science in UCC. Initially based in Dublin for my first three years with Version 1, I made the move to work from the Cork office to be closer to home back in 2019. Having worked as an Infrastructure consultant throughout my time with Version 1, I have just recently become a Technical Account Manager on the DCS Azure team. Looking forward to working with the senior leadership team to help deliver meaningful change to our business.