

Shadow Board 2023







Jonathan Gillespie

Ireland D&C Solutions - Senior Software Engineer

I'm Johnny, I'm 27 years old and I've been a part of Version 1 through acquisition for over a year and a half. I'm currently working as a Senior Software Engineer in our Capital Markets sector with a Chicago based financial tech provider. I'm looking forward to being a part of the Shadow Board for 2023 and am most excited to get to envision and shape some of what Version 1 will look like for this year and beyond with my fellow Shadow Board members.



Catherine Geddis

Ireland D&C Solutions - Business Analyst

My name is Catherine, I am based in the Belfast office and I joined Version 1 through the graduate programme in 2016. I am currently working as a Business Analyston a project with the Department for Communities and have previously worked on several projects as a .NET developer. I am most looking forward to working with the other Shadow Board members to share our ideas and perspective with the management team.



Adrian Parra

Ireland D&C Solutions - Senior Software Engineer

My name is Adrian Parra and I joined Version 1 in June 2021. I have been working on several projects within one of our biggest insurance clients. I finished my degree as Software Engineer at the University of Malaga, and I have since worked at several technology companies. During this time, I have been promoted to Senior Software Engineer and have been involved in, along with the rest of me colleagues, the growth of the Malaga office. I am delighted to be part of the Shadow Board 2023 and hope to make a positive impact on the company.





Orla Stafford

Bids & Enablement - Commercial Associate

Hi, my name is Orla and I am based out of our Dublin office. I am most looking forward to working collaboratively with other young, talented, and forward-thinking individuals. Not only will the experience enable us to grow individually but enable us to learn from team members of similar drive and ambition from all locations and roles. We'll also gain exposure to connections that may not have otherwise have been formed. I look forward to gaining insight into the viewpoint of senior management, understanding the decisionmaking process, acting as a sounding board, and impacting change within Version 1.



Damien Cooke

UKDDC - Principal Test Engineer

My name is Damien Cooke. I am a Principal Test Engineer with 8 years of experience in developing and delivering government services. I started my career as an Apprentice Developer as part of the Civil Service Fast Track programme. I joined Version 1 in 2021 as part of the Evoco acquisition. I am really looking forward to seeing how an executive board functions as well as implementing projects which help Version 1 employees.



Ryan Nesbitt

UKDDC - Associate Consultant

My name is Ryan Nesbitt and I have been working at Version 1 since October 2021. I am an Associate Consultant currently working on the HMCTS account within the Immigration & Asylum Tribunal team which focuses mainly on Java development. Before moving into tech, I was a math teacher, so I have really enjoyed getting involved in the Education Collaboration aspect of Version 1. I joined the Shadow Board because I want to help across other areas of the company, particularly within Early Careers. Outside of work I enjoy travelling, cycling, and reading.





Jashwanth Jegadeesan Vijayalakshmi

Ireland D&C Solutions - AWS DevOps Engineer

Hi, my name is Jashwanth and I joined Version 1 in February 2021 after completing my MSc in Computer Science at UCD. I am an AWS DevOps Engineer who is interested in exploring novel technologies surrounding the Cloud and DevOps domain. Ireland is my home away from home, and I am grateful for the opportunities it has provided me. Outside of Version 1, I am passionate about football, travel, and music. I am really excited to be a part of the Shadow Board, and look forward to making an immense impact during my tenure.



Muskan Dhingra

Ireland D&C Solutions - Business Analyst

Hi, I'm Muskan Dhingra and I work as an Oracle HCM Cloud Consultant. I joined Version 1 in June 2022, and I am a proud member of the Shadow Board. This opportunity is exciting for me as I will be able to closely observe and feel the magic of the mentoring programme with senior management. It's an amazing platform where young people can make an impact on overall organisation-wide transformation decisions. I see the role as a way of developing my career, confronting business-related challenges and learning the art of strategising endto-end management processes.



Raghavendra Bagalur Nagesha

Business Support - DevOps Engineer

Hi, I'm Raghavendra based out of Bengaluru, India. I joined Version 1 in May 2023 and I'm currently working as a DevOps Engineer within the Foundations team. I look after Accelerators, and I'm mainly involved in infrastructure provisioning using Terraform and application deployment using Azure DevOps. I'm very excited to be part of the Shadow Board this year and to make use of this opportunity to grow my network and learn new skills and ways to work.





Silvia Gorgone

Business Support - HR Consultant

Hello, I'm Silvia. I've been working at Version 1 since July 2021 as a HR Consultant while completing my Masters in Human Resources Management in NUI Galway. Since I joined, I've been working within compliance, and I am now the owner of Security Clearances and the UK Visas process for both current employees and new joiners. I am delighted to be part of the 2023 Shadow Board and to have the opportunity to build new connections along with talented and ambitious young colleagues. I am looking forward to gaining exposure to different sides of the business, bringing ideas forward for the future and contributing to what makes Version 1 a great place to work. Outside of work I'm passionate about travel and football, but don't ask me about the results of that match back in 2005, my memory is not that good. I also love cooking, walking and I enjoy the outdoors.



Laura McKeague

Business Support - Business Development - AWS_UK

I'm Laura McKeague. I joined version 1's UKDDC Commercial team as an AWS Business Development Lead in 2022 and I'm responsible for the growth of our UK AWS business. I am passionate about helping our customers embrace new AWS technology and take great satisfaction from seeing the great real-world outcomes that our customers achieve. I'm delighted to be a member of Version 1's Shadow Board 2023 and look forward to developing deep connections across the business, engaging on meaningful projects that will have an impact for my generation for years to come! If I'm not in workI will either be travelling the world, on a golf course or indeed at CrossFit!



Matthew McNally

Ireland D&C Solutions - Associate Consultant

Hello, my name is Matthew. I am a Software Developer and Technical Consultant with experience in working with Microsoft and Oracle technologies and databases, supporting the Northern Ireland Courts Service systems. I am excited to be part of this year's Shadow Board to learn more about how the business works, develop my own skills, and to work with others to drive meaningful change. I am looking forward to learning from the experiences and building professional relationships with my fellow Shadow Board members and the Executive Board while contributing my own ideas to help drive the organisation forward.





Amy Hughes

Organisational Development – People Success Coach

Hi, I'm Amy. In 2018 I joined Version 1 as part of the Finance Team, during which I studied a Masters in Management. In true Version 1 fashion. I rotated onto the Talent Development Team in 2021. While there, I discovered my love of facilitation and coaching. This led me to complete a Diploma in Executive Coaching and I am now working as a People Success Coach within the Organisational Development Team. My role involves supporting and working in partnership with individuals and teams right across Version 1, in areas such as resilience, personal development, team effectiveness, management and leadership development. I am excited to work alongside the 2023 Shadow Board, particularly to build new relationships and learn from Senior Management. Outside of work I enjoy being active. I play GAA, and love to travel and spend time outdoors.



Rachel Wong

Ireland D&C Solutions – Project Manager

My name is Rachel Wong, and I am a Project Manager within the Private Sector Practice. I am currently working on the VHI Future Ways of Working Programme and have managed projects across AWS and Azure previously. Apart from this I have been involved internally with the Women in Tech initiative and Project Management Methodologies. I have been with Version 1 since September 2021 and I'm hoping to meet more peers and colleagues across the business through working on the Shadow Board. I have a Masters in Aerospace Engineering and I am hoping the blend of Data Analytics and Project Management will bring value to the Shadow Board.

