



Shadow Board 2023





Jonathan Gillespie

Belfast - Senior Software Engineer

I'm Johnny, I'm 27 years old and I joined Version 1 through an acquisition in June 2021. I'm currently working as a Senior Software Engineer in our Capital Markets team with a Chicago-based financial tech provider.

I'm looking forward to being a part of the Shadow Board for 2023 and I'm most excited about envisioning and shaping some of what Version 1 will look like for this year and beyond with my fellow Shadow Board members.



Catherine Geddis

Belfast - 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 Analyst on a project with the Department for Communities in Northern Ireland. I have previously worked on several projects as a .NET developer with multiple Version 1 customers.

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

Málaga - 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 studied for a degree in Software Engineering at the University of Malaga, and I have worked at several technology companies since. During this time, I have been promoted to Senior Software Engineer and have been involved in the growth of the Málaga office, along with the rest of my colleagues.

I am delighted to be part of the Shadow Board and hope to make a positive impact on the company.





Orla Stafford

Dublin - 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.

The experience will not only enable us to grow individually but will also give us the opportunity to learn from team members of similar drive and ambition from all locations and diverse roles. We'll also gain exposure to connections that may not have otherwise been formed.

I look forward to gaining insight into the viewpoint of senior management, understanding the decision-making process, acting as a sounding board, and impacting change within Version 1



Damien Cooke

Newcastle-upon-Tyne - 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 an 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

Belfast - 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 His Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service (HMCTS) account within the Immigration & Asylum Tribunal team, which focuses mainly on Java development.

Before moving into tech, I was a maths teacher, so I have really enjoyed getting involved in Version 1's Education & Collaboration initiative where we work directly with local schools.

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

Dublin - AWS DevOps Engineer

Hi, my name is Jashwanth and I joined Version 1 in February 2021 after completing my MSc in Computer Science at University College Dublin. 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 I look forward to making an immense impact during my tenure.



Muskan Dhingra

Bangalore - Oracle HCM Cloud Consultant

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 end-to-end management processes.



Raghavendra Bagalur Nagesha

Bangalore - DevOps Engineer

Hi, I'm Raghavendra based out of Bengaluru, India. I joined Version 1 in May 2021 and I'm currently working as a DevOps Engineer. 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 of working.





Silvia Gorgone

Dublin - 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 now support current employees and new joiners with Security Clearances and Visas. 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

Belfast - Business Development AWS UK

I'm Laura McKeague. I joined Version 1's UK 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 I 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 with meaningful projects that will have an impact for my generation for years to come! If I'm not in work I will either be travelling the world, on a golf course, or indeed at CrossFit!



Matthew McNally

Belfast - Associate Consultant

Hello, my name is Matthew. I am a Software Developer and Technical Consultant with experience 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

Dublin - People Success Coach

Hi, I'm Amy. I joined Version 1 in 2018 as part of the Finance Team, during which time I studied for 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

Belfast - Project Manager

My name is Rachel Wong, and I am a Digital Transformation Project Manager. 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.



Ross Hunter

Edinburgh - Senior Consultant

Hi, I'm Ross and I'm a Senior Consultant in our Financial Services Data team. I joined Version 1 in February 2023 as part of an acquisition, and I've spent my career so far using data to drive impactful decisions within some of the UK's largest retail banks.

Being a member of the Shadow Board presents a unique opportunity to not only learn from Version 1's senior leadership, but also to contribute my expertise and share my colleagues' aspirations for how we shape the future of Version 1.





Hitesh Magnani

Bangalore - Oracle Consultant

Hello, I am Hitesh, and I currently work as an Oracle Consultant for the EPM practice. As a Qualified Chartered Accountant, I possess a comprehensive understanding of business and finances and have worked for more than five years in the technology and finance industry.

I am thrilled to be part of the Shadow Board this year. It will provide me with a great opportunity to work closely with Version 1's executive team, providing valuable insights and perspectives on the company's operations, strategies, and goals. With a strong background in technology and business, I am looking forward to making meaningful contributions to the board. I am eager to bring my skills, knowledge, and enthusiasm to the role and work closely with the rest of the board to drive meaningful results.



Hassan Ahmed

London - Sales Enablement Engineer

My name is Hassan Ahmed. I joined Version 1 through acquisition in 2023 as an Associate Consulting Engineer. Initially, I worked at H.M. Passport Office, a strategically pivotal account, where I quickly assumed responsibility for many of the client's mission-critical, public-facing digital services. Today, as a Sales Enablement Engineer, I work closely with our leadership team, account principals, pre-sales experts, and delivery managers, architecting value-based deals, proposals, and statements of work that enable our clients to realise their short, medium, and long-term goals.

I am really excited to be joining Version 1's Shadow Board, where I hope to exchange ideas and best practices with my colleagues and learn from the group's most experienced leaders.

