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The Clerk



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Peter grew up in Chester and joined the Royal Navy as an engineer officer in the early eighties. He specialised in submarine weapon systems, working at sea and ashore in a variety of roles in submarines, squadrons, headquarters and procurement projects.

After 19 years, he decided it was time for a change, although he did maintain his naval links by joining the Royal Naval Reserve. His civilian career started with a short spell with BAE Systems, before joining the then recently formed Network Rail and retraining as a signal engineer. He has worked on many railway projects, including five years expanding the capacity of the DLR prior to the London 2012 Olympics and four years on Crossrail, now the Elizabeth Line. He finished his railway career as a civil servant, heading up the team dealing with Interoperability and Rail Vehicle Engineering at the Office of Rail and Road.

Peter is passionate about equity, diversity and inclusion. He helped to found and run three LGBT+ networks and actively supported others. He has worked with a number of organisations, including the Royal Academy of Engineering and the engineering institutions to help improve equity, diversity and inclusion in engineering.

Outside of work, Peter volunteers for the Science Museum and as a lock keeper or helmsman for the Canal and River Trust. He has three grown up children from his former marriage, and all three were present in September 2019 to see him marry his partner James, who is a critical care nurse.