

Short Bio of Julie Courtnage

With a postgraduate degree in Earth and Life-Sciences, Julie commenced her career with the Anglo-American Research Laboratories at the age of 21, and has been working in, with and against the mining sector for 34 years. She has held research, mining operational, consulting, advisory, international executive, and international liaison roles within the minerals sector. An environmental scientist by training & a sustainability practitioner, she consciously shifted her career from pure scientific solutions, to focus to people's behaviour, values, decision-making processes, and creativity, as these are the roots of harmonising economic activities with the realities of environmental and social needs.

A qualified coach and facilitator, Julie has delivered multiple academic programmes on the intersections between risk, sustainable development, social justice, ethics and governance, communication, and values-based leadership. Her last corporate employment in the mining sector was as the Sustainable Development Operations Manager for Anglo American plc. She was successfully independent for 16 years, before taking on the role of the Executive Director of the MMP on a full-time basis in September 2023. Julie shares that her greatest joy is found in wild nature, while her sense of humour keeps her grounded, and sometimes apologising.