

IWA organiza webinar sobre brecha de talento humano en empresas de agua y saneamiento

Oportunidades e impacto para el sector de agua, saneamiento e infraestructura:

La [Asociación Internacional del Agua](#) (IWA por sus siglas en inglés) organiza el webinar “Trabajos en Agua y Saneamiento: cerrando la brecha de las habilidades”.

Este evento está dirigido a jóvenes profesionales del sector agua, estudiantes universitarios y público en general que tiene interés en desarrollar una carrera en la industria del agua y saneamiento.

Entre los temas a tratar están las brechas existentes en la fuerza laboral del sector agua, género, condiciones laborales y de recursos humanos en diversos niveles de las empresas prestadoras de servicios de agua y saneamiento. Además, el webinar ofrecerá a los participantes comprender los beneficios de un capital humano joven, la importancia de las redes y asociaciones profesionales así como estrategias para fomentar el liderazgo e impulsar la innovación en el sector.

Fecha: miércoles 20-marzo-2024

Hora: 08h00 am de Ecuador continental

Idioma: Inglés

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Water and Sanitation Jobs: bridging the skills gap

Target Audience

IWA YWP Chapters, IWA YWP Community, Students, YWP, IWA members and non-members, etc.

Description

In a world where access to clean water and effective sanitation is paramount, a skilled workforce in the water sector plays a critical role in facing the global challenges posed by climate change and escalating water demand. At the same time, when the [“water and](#)

[sanitation sector is mostly failing its young staff and potential recruits” \(UN, 2023\)](#), the sector needs to confront a shortage of professionals and an ageing workforce. Additionally, lack of motivation and other necessary skills may inevitably hinder the achievement of SDG 6.

To ensure a high quality of water and sanitation professionals, students and young people who want to work in these sectors need to develop and nurture their skills in a meaningful or structured way. Simultaneously, they need opportunities where they can leverage their potential and develop their capacities.

In collaboration with [Cranfield University](#) and [Josh’s Water Jobs](#), and engaging the [IWA Young Water Professionals Community](#), this webinar provides an opportunity to acknowledge the importance of equipping young people with skills for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship. It aims to discuss the challenges faced by the young people willing to work in the water and sanitation sector.

The webinar will outline the current workforce, gender disparities and working conditions, and the human resources gaps that exist in water and sanitation at different levels. While presenting the main debate, the webinar will offer the participants the chance to understand the benefits of a younger workforce, the importance of being part of [networks and associations](#), and it will provide an opportunity to acknowledge the importance of equipping young people with skills for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship.

With an intergenerational set of speakers, the webinar will provide invaluable insights on cultivating technical expertise, leadership, and innovation for water professionals. This webinar isn’t just about identifying problems; it’s about finding solutions and empowering the next generation of water sector professionals. The webinar will discuss strategies for cultivating technical expertise, fostering leadership skills, and driving innovation in the field.

Join us as we envision a future where the water and sanitation workforce thrives, making an indelible contribution to global welfare.

Learning Objectives

Following this session, participants will be able to:

- Discuss the challenges the young people in the water and sanitation sector face and the potential causes at national and global levels.
- Recognise the importance of young water and sanitation professionals in driving transformative change in the water sector and creating a water-wise world.
- Identify the essential technical and soft skills needed for successful careers in the water sector.
- Recognise the importance of collaboration and partnerships between various stakeholders to strengthen the water and sanitation workforce and access additional resources and opportunities for further learning and skills development in the water sector.

Host IWA

Panelists

- [Francisca S. Braga](#) - Industrial PhD Student, Skanderborg Forsyning a/s, IWA YWP Denmark Chapter, Denmark
- [Neil Dhot](#) - Executive Director, Aquafed, UK
- [Josh Newton](#) - Founder, Josh's Water Jobs, United States
- [Francis Sankah](#) - Student Ambassador and Water and Wastewater Engineering Course Representative, Cranfield University, UK



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