

Jo Talbot

Academic Qualifications:

Oxford Polytechnic: BA (Hons) Planning Studies, Diploma in Planning Studies

Professional Qualifications:

Member, Royal Town Planning Institute
NVQ 4, Management Charter Initiative



Professional Experience

I am a planning and economic development professional with extensive experience in successfully managing and delivering commissions to clients in the public, private and voluntary sectors covering

- **Policy and Strategy development;** My work has encompassed development of economic and regeneration policy and strategies for example recent commissions for local authority clients through the Local Government Association's Economic Growth Advisor scheme
- **Evaluation/assessment:** I am particularly interested in the evaluation of economic regeneration projects and programmes so that experience informs their improved practice in the future and reflects their impacts and experience. Recent experience includes evaluation of a rural tourism initiative in the South West of England
- **Economic impact:** I work on economic impact assessment, looking at economic outputs and impacts both in terms of what might be generated and what has happened. For example work on the economic impact of Tourist Information Centres in Wales looked at impacts generated as a result of tourist information centre activity
- **Project development:** I work on project development, often as part of a team, for example undertaking options appraisal as part of a recent commission on re-use of a redundant listed building. This follows from earlier project development during my career, including assistance in development of projects for the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Rural Programme, and developing and delivering an EU (LEADER) funded rural development project (itself made up of over 60 projects)
- **Rural development;** I am very interested in the field of rural development and how this can be achieved through partnership working and in a sustainable way. I continue to maintain this interest, for example recent work in Cornwall and the rural Vale of Glamorgan in support of development of LEADER/Community Led Local Development strategies to secure EU funding for rural economic development
- **Spatial planning policy and practice:** as a chartered spatial planner, my planning experience has cut across much of my work providing a valuable structure and approach to support the work that I do. For example a recent research project, in conjunction with the European Centre for Environment and Human Health in Cornwall, looked at health and planning and particularly the valuing of health benefits from green infrastructure.

Most of my work is undertaken in conjunction with others as part of a team and working with both larger consultancies and as part of a network of associates.

Work History

JOHT Resources Limited Established limited company to carry out consultancy work in economic development and planning, both leading and subconsultant on work ranging around economic development, economic impact, EU programmes, strategy, programme and project development and evaluation.	2012 - ongoing
Roger Tym and Partners (latterly Peter Brett Associates LLP following merger of companies in April 2011) Senior Associate of Roger Tym & Partners/PBA with long experience in spatial planning and economic development initiatives and responsibilities for managing/working within teams to carry out commissioned work for clients. Working across a range of economic and spatial planning areas including EU programmes and projects.	1995 - 2012
Shropshire County Council European Liaison Assistant based within the County Economic Development and Policy Unit, with a responsibility to provide information and advice on European funding opportunities and policy issues.	1994 - 1995
Rural Development Commission (North Tamar LEADER 1) North Tamar LEADER Project manager responsible for the development and implementation of a new EU rural economic development initiative funding a total grant investment of some £1M in over 60 projects through a community based economic development programme.	1992 - 1994
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Rural Development Programme Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Rural Development Programme Officer, responsible for Initiating and working with partners on projects for inclusion in the Programme and providing its secretariat	1987 - 1992
Cornwall County Council Planner, involved in the first Cornwall Economic Policies and Programmes document; the Falmouth Local Plan; other County Structure Plan work; secretariat for the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Rural Development Programme.	1983 - 1987
Runnymede Borough Council Planning Assistant in development control in a small Borough Council in the Metropolitan Green Belt area around London.	1982 - 1983

Interests

Playing and learning about music is my big interest outside work. Having completed a degree in music (in jazz) aged 52, I am now playing in several completely different music ensembles on a regular basis. I am also volunteering in the field of using arts for health and wellbeing benefits. Beyond music, I like to travel and have seen some fantastic places – the glaciers in Chile just one example. More locally I enjoy the company of my friends and my ever growing family network, together with the delights of living in Cornwall and all that it has to offer.