



Physical Oceanographer in Marine Systems Modelling

Dr Judith Wolf

Judith specialises in Shelf and Coastal Processes and Marine Systems Modelling



Career Pathway

After graduating from Bangor University, with a 1st class joint honours in Maths and Physical Oceanography, Judith started work at the Institute of Oceanographic Sciences (IOS) in April 1976. She was able to work for a part-time PhD, registered at Liverpool University between 1978 and 1984. Judith has seen many changes during her 40-year career with NERC, not least the IOS becoming the Proudman Oceanographic Laboratory (POL) in 1988, and part of the NOC in 2010.

Support for equality and diversity

Judith says “I have found NERC to be a great employer, allowing me the flexibility to have a career break from 1991-1994 to go sailing with my family. During this time I obtained a job at the Institute of Marine Affairs in Trinidad (1992-1994), setting up a physical oceanography group, teaching at the University of the West Indies and carrying out fieldwork around the coasts of Trinidad and Tobago. Returning to the UK I was re-employed at POL, part-time for a few years while my children were young, then full-time again from 2004. Things have changed a lot from my early days when there were very few women in oceanography in the UK, I was often the only woman at meetings and conferences. I’m glad to see many young women now being very successful and confident in their role and status. I’m very happy to be leading the Athena SWAN Self-Assessment Team for the NOC, which aims to promote the recruitment, retention and promotion of women in STEMM subjects.”

