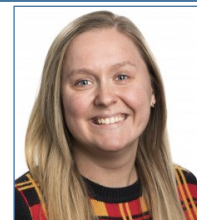


Meet the Board

A series of rapid interviews offering an insight into the people behind the directorial titles

Svetlana Kločkova is a Hydrographic Surveyor at MMT. She started her position in April 2019 while still doing an MSc Hydrography at Plymouth University. Svetlana became a Student Representative at the South West region in autumn 2018 and in April the following year was elected as the Student & New Graduate Director on the Board of The Hydrographic Society UK at the AGM.



Svetlana is originally from Latvia and has had an unusual career path for a hydrographic surveyor. In 2014 she graduated from the Law School and started to work as an Internal Auditor in a bank. After 3 years she decided to move to the UK to gain new experience. During her first year in the UK she worked in internal auditing and finance. This year made her reconsider her career path which led to her applying for an MSc in Hydrography at Plymouth University. Svetlana graduated in December 2019.

<p>What did you have for breakfast this morning?</p> <p>Currently, I am offshore, and my breakfast is at 11.30pm. Today I had lamb with potatoes.</p>	<p>Describe your perfect weekend</p> <p>Sea, beach, sun, cocktails and company of good friends.</p>	<p>If you were stranded on a deserted island what three things would you like to have with you and why?</p> <p>A knife and fishing net to survive and a good friend, not really a thing but I need one to not go crazy.</p>
<p>What might we be surprised to discover that you're very good at?</p> <p>At listening. I listen more than you think I do.</p>	<p>What is your favourite place in the UK?</p> <p>I have not discovered it yet.</p>	<p>What three things do you value most about The Hydrographic Society UK?</p> <p>Networking, Opportunities, People</p>
<p>What is the best advice you've ever been given?</p> <p>Believe in myself despite what other people say.</p>	<p>Describe your ideal holiday</p> <p>New country, sightseeing, warm.</p>	<p>What would your colleagues say is your best quality?</p> <p>Willingness to learn</p>
<p>Are you an early bird or a night owl?</p> <p>For the next four weeks I am a night owl but usually I am something in between.</p>	<p>What is the most unusual thing you've been asked to do in your career?</p> <p>I am at the beginning of my career and no unusual requests yet.</p>	<p>What has given you the greatest sense of achievement in your career to date?</p> <p>Getting my dream job</p>
<p>At the end of a long day do you look forward to a cup of herbal tea or a stiff drink?</p> <p>I would go for a cold cider.</p>	<p>What was your childhood ambition?</p> <p>I wanted to be an English translator.</p>	<p>What is your favourite film?</p> <p>The Prestige</p>
<p>If you could pass any law, what would it be?</p> <p>To make animals' rights equal to humans' so animal cruelty would be punishable.</p>	<p>If you discovered 2000 messages in your inbox and could only respond to 50 of them how would you choose those to reply to?</p> <p>I guarantee 98% of them will be spam.</p>	<p>What are your pet hates?</p> <p>People being late</p>
<p>If there were no restrictions, what would be your ideal job?</p> <p>I would try to save all the dogs in the world.</p>	<p>Who is the person you most admire (living or dead) and why?</p> <p>My parents. They helped me to be where I am right now.</p>	<p>What is your favourite meal?</p> <p>Anything cooked by my mum</p>
	<p>What is your favourite colour? Describe that colour to someone who cannot see</p> <p>Blue. Cold sea breeze.</p>	<p>Do you prefer TV or the internet?</p> <p>Internet. I do not even have a TV.</p>
		<p>What is your favourite App?</p> <p>Most of all I use Messenger, so it is probably my favourite.</p>