VNP Business Impact Dr Gemma Jerome Director - Building with Nature





- 1. impact of attending the VNP Business Impact School
- 2. engagement with the business community and career choices
- 3. perspectives on how the decision-making R&I community can best help business integrate consideration of natural assets in and business models

VNP Business Impact School participation



Market need New product

What came after VNP Business School...



Engagement with business community

- 1. Customer requirements testing
- 2. Stakeholder engagement
- 3. Active listening > Product design



Career choices

Knowledge > Communication

Skills & Training > Change & Influence

Lessons for integration: Natural assets in business models

Five pointers for framing the journey as 'problem >> solution'

Investment versus Costs Shape the message to fit the needs of your delivery partners **Multiple benefits**: Immediate versus long-term Who pays for the uplift in value, and wider benefits to society?

Building confidence: "bad guys" versus 'agents of change' Businesses are trying to understand all the risks and opportunities associated with the environment

Partnership and collaboration: The more that academics and practitioners from the voluntary sector can help them do that, then there's a win-win situation to be gained

Define key opportunities in a way industry can understand e.g. net biodiversity gain brings benefits for everyone