# STUART MERALI-YOUNGER



**Associate Director** 

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### **SUMMARY**



Stuart is an Associate Director with 14 years' professional experience in economic development and regeneration. He specialises in evaluation and economic impact assessment across a range of economic development policy areas, bringing particular expertise around the areas of energy & low carbon studies, culture-led regeneration and business competitiveness.

## SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

#### **EVALUATION STUDIES**

Stuart has led several high profile evaluations at Regeneris, including the 18-month programme evaluation of Hull UK City of Culture 2017; the final evaluation of RE:NEW, the Mayor of London's domestic energy efficiency retrofit programme; the mid-term evaluation of the £125m North East JEREMIE access to finance scheme; and mid-term evaluation of the 2007-13 ERDF programme in Yorkshire & Humber. He is also leading Regeneris inputs to two major BEIS low carbon evaluations: the Renewable Heat Incentive policy and Salix Energy Efficiency Fund. He is highly experienced in designing research approaches and tools, delivering evaluations of complex programmes to generate robust impact evidence and clear and insightful conclusions and recommendations.

#### **ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

Stuart has led socio-economic impact assessments for numerous offshore wind farms including for Ørsted, RWE Innogy and Vattenfall, and led two major studies for the Falkland Islands Government assessing the economic, social & infrastructure impacts of prospective oil and gas developments. He has managed impact assessments of arts and cultural attractions and programmes, including a study for the Plus Tate network of galleries, and impact analysis work for bids for the UK City of Culture, European Capital of Culture and London Borough of Culture. He has also led a town centre impacts study of the high profile 'Mini Holland' cycle infrastructure scheme in the London borough of Enfield.

### **BID DEVELOPMENT AND APPRAISAL**

Stuart has a strong track record in bid writing, having led Regeneris' inputs to three successful Regional Growth Fund bids, helping to secure over £50m of funding for these clients. He has also led Local Growth Fund project appraisals for Leicester & Leicestershire and D2N2 LEPs, appraisal of potential enterprise zone bids for the South East Midlands LEP, and an appraisal of an energy and resource efficiency business support scheme for Invest Northern Ireland.

#### **ECONOMIC STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT**

Stuart has a strong track record in economic strategy work from local masterplans to larger city and sub-regional economic strategies. At a local level, he played a leading role in developing the regeneration strategy for Meridian Water—an 8,000 home development in Enfield, and supported production of an Aberdeen City Centre Masterplan. He also had a leading role in developing Strategic Economic Plans for Stoke and Staffordshire and Leicester and Leicestershire LEPs.

## **PERSONAL PROFILE**

- Hatch Regeneris, Associate Director, 2018—Present
- Regeneris Consulting: Associate Director, 2013-2018
- Regeneris Consulting:
  Consultant /Senior Consultant, 2009-13
- East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Town Regeneration Partnership Co-ordinator, 2006-08
- Selby District Council, Community Safety Partnership Co-ordinator, 2003-06

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Leeds Metropolitan University:
  MA Local & Regional Regeneration
- University of Birmingham:
  Pg Dip Public Sector Management
- University of York:
  BA (hons) Politics, Philosophy & Economics

