

Martin Wright - Chairman, Gravitricity Ltd

Martin is a Founder investor and Chairman of Gravitricity Limited, as well being the Chairman of the Renewable Energy Association, past Chairman of the Ocean Energy Group, Mojo Maritime Limited and Minus 7 Limited.

He is currently involved in the new technology company, Gravitricity Limited, which is developing grid scale, underground decentralised Energy Storage technology. This covers two related technologies, a unique power supply and energy storage that provides a long life, flexible, distributed, energy storage solution, and an industrial scale green hydrogen storage solution. Together they address all three pillars of the Energy Transition, namely Power, Heat and Transport.

He was one of the founders of Marine Current Turbines Limited, which was the leading tidal technology company which built and commissioned the 'SeaGen' 1.2MW tidal turbine operating in Strangford Narrows in Northern Ireland. He joined the company full-time in February 2002, as Managing Director and latterly CEO. Following the sale of the company in 2011 to Siemens, he joined Mojo Maritime limited as an investor and Chairman until its sale to James Fisher Limited.

He has an M.A. (Hons) in Economics from Edinburgh, and an M.Eng in Petroleum Engineering from Heriot-Watt. He started his career as a Warfare Officer in the Royal Navy. Prior to joining Marine Current Turbines, he worked for nine years as a Venture Capitalist first with Murray Johnstone Limited, and then with Northern Venture Managers Limited where he was responsible for starting and developing their business in the South of England.

Martin has both corporate finance skills and commercial experience spanning a wide breath of industries developed whilst working as a financier, and as a director of investee companies. In particular he is very familiar with the issues involved in early stage technology companies. Energy, and specifically Renewable Energy and Energy Systems have been a primary focus for the last 20 years.