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Mark Seneschall is a qualified accountant and brings 30 years commercial experience, principally with BP, where roles included Head of Transformation for global energy trading and supply, and Chief Financial Officer for oil trading and supply in Europe. As an independent management consultant he has also worked with a number of different clients on a variety of different projects related to transformational change and IT systems. He is also the author of a book about IT projects, entitled 'The anatomy of IT projects: Why they're hard and why they fail - A guide to the complexities and how to negotiate them.

He has been a Trustee of Prison Dialogue since 2012, prior to which he worked with the charity providing input to a number of its initiatives (notably the work on crime reduction in Trinidad and Tobago, and that in support of the transition of Birmingham prison).

He is a firm supporter of the importance of dialogue as a means of reducing tension and disagreements in any situation where relationships are fragmented, and believes that Prison Dialogue's track record of successful intervention in a number of different prisons and the wider criminal justice system shows the value that dialogue can bring to this sector in particular. A key challenge for the charity is to ensure that the impact of this work and hence the potential benefit of dialogue is more widely recognised.