

Development Trusts Association Scotland Appointment of the Board of Trustees 2023-24

The DTAS Constitution requires that one third of the Board retire at the AGM (but are entitled to seek re-election). The board consisted of 15 non-co-opted members which means 5 Trustees will be required to stand down this year. These are:

- Associate Member Trustee Jim Bristow, Individual, is standing down, but seeking re-election.
- Full Member Trustee, Sandy Brunton, Mull & Iona Community Trust is standing down, but is seeking re-election.
- Full Member Trustee, Jane Lamont, Beith Community Development Trust, is standing down, but is seeking re-election.
- Full Member Trustee, Tom Sneddon, Carluke Development Trust, is standing down, but is seeking re-election.
- Full Member Trustee, Stephen McCarron, Auchinleck Community Development Initiative, is standing down, but is seeking re-election as a representative of Associate Member, The 9CC Group.
- Full Member Trustee, Sarah Compton-Bishop, Isle of Jura Development Trust is standing down, but is seeking to be appointed as a co-opted director.

Our Constitution requires that co-opted directors also stand down at the AGM but can be re-appointed for the following year, they are:

- Reid Hutchison of Aberdeenshire Council - the DTAS Board are proposing to co-opt Reid again for 2023/24

We have received nominations for 1 new Trustees, they are:

- Ewen McLachlan, Full Member, Assynt Development Trust

Therefore, we are Proposing the DTAS Board for 2023/24 is:

9 continuing Trustees:

Graham Black, Full Member, Moffat Town Hall Redevelopment Trust

David Fryer, Full Member, Torry Development Trust

Mark McRitchie, Full Member, Community Central Hall

Janet Miles, Full Member, Gairloch & Loch Ewe Action Forum (GALE)

Eric Munro, Individual Associate Member

Michael Roy, Full Member, Antermony Development Trust

Tracy Thomson, Associate Member, Royal Bank of Scotland

Alex Walker, Full Member, Ekopia Social Investments

Lindsay Wood, Full Member, Burnfoot Community Futures

5 Trustees seeking re-election:

Jim Bristow, Associate Member, Individual

Sandy Brunton, Full Member, Mull & Iona Community Trust

Jane Lamont, Full Member, Beith Community Development Trust

Tom Sneddon, Full Member, Carluke Development Trust

Stephen McCarron, Associate Member, The 9CC Group

1 New Trustees seeking election

Ewen McLachlan, Full Member, Assynt Development Trust

2 Co-opted Trustee seeking appointment by the board

Reid Hutchison, Aberdeenshire Council

Sarah Compton-Bishop, Full Member, Isle of Jura Development Trust

This means, we are proposing the DTAS Board of Trustees as 17 this year.

This proposal is being made on condition that the Board of Trustees will be expanded to 17 for one year only and that the Board of Trustees have committed to undertake a governance review which will be completed in good time before the AGM in 2024.

Development Trusts Association Scotland Trustee profiles

GRAHAM BLACK – MOFFAT TOWN HALL REDEVELOPMENT TRUST (FULL)

Graham lives in Moffat with his wife Claire, and their labrador Pippin. Having spent most his career as a senior manager in HMRC, he moved to become Director of Marine Scotland in 2016 before retiring in 2020. He has been Chair of Moffat Town Hall Redevelopment Trust since 2016. He is also Chair of the local Theatre and is a non-executive director of Seafish, a body supporting the fishing industry and encouraging people to eat fantastic seafood!

JIM BRISTOW – INDIVIDUAL (ASSOCIATE)

Jim is currently an individual associate member of DTAS, having previously been a long serving DTAS Board Member through Inverclyde Community Development Trust before retirement after 31 years as CEO. Jim is also the Convenor of the Scottish Community Alliance. Jim has had a long history within the sector starting in 1971, working in youth work, Community Recreation and Social Work before setting up the Trust in 1987.

SANDY BRUNTON – MULL & IONA COMMUNITY TRUST (FULL)

Sandy was born and raised on the Isle of Mull, trained as a boat builder, then moved to Southampton. Returning to Mull with his wife Jane, they reopened the village shop and Post Office in Fionnphort and raised a family. After 25 busy years, they sold the shop in 2011. He is involved in many community-based local and national organisations. Sandy has been the Convenor of Mull and Iona Community Trust for a number of years and is on the board of Connecting Scotland, a CiC which aims to increase the use of participatory processes in organisations throughout Scotland. He plays in the local pipe band and also a local volunteer Coastguard.

SARAH COMPTON-BISHOP – ISLE OF JURA DEVELOPMENT TRUST (CO-OPTED)

Sarah Compton-Bishop has extensive experience working with Development Trusts in Scotland, in paid and unpaid roles ranging from project management to Board Chair and others in between. With a particular interest in sustainable development in island and rural communities, Sarah is passionate about place-based solutions and advocating for community voices to be heard at every level. Sarah is Chair of the Jura Development Trust, Project Manager for Scottish Islands Passport, a Non-Executive Director for NHS Highland and Chair of the Argyll and Bute Integration Joint Board. She lives at the North end of Jura with her family.

DAVID FRYER – TORRY DEVELOPMENT TRUST (FULL)

David was one of the founding members of the Torry Development Trust and was Secretary of Torry Community Council for five years. With a background in architecture, building conservation and community development, he brings an accumulation of knowledge and experiences from the last fifty years of involvement with communities, the environment and campaign organisations to share with the DTAS and its partners.

REID HUTCHISON – ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL (CO-OPTED)

Reid has lived in the north east Scotland for over 30 years. He was a founder director of Fraserburgh DT and was on the original steering group of DTAS when it was set up in 2003. His past career has been in the private sector in electronics and food & drinks, which exposed him to working with global, national and family run businesses. Reid is a passionate advocate of community anchor organisations/social enterprises supporting hundreds with project development, business planning, funding and finance. He continues in this role within the local authority helping councillors, senior managers, officers and communities to realise the opportunities of asset transfers and community empowerment.

Reid has been a champion of parental involvement in education and in the establishment of the National Parent Forum of Scotland where he was vice chair for 2 terms.

JANE LAMONT – BEITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST (FULL)

Jane is the Senior Officer at Beith Community Development Trust in the Garnock Valley. She has worked predominantly in the voluntary sector, focusing mostly on the meaningful participation and involvement of communities in decision making. The inception of Beith CDT led to a role within her local community driving the organisation forward as a means to empower individuals and develop new ways of working.

STEPHEN MCCARRON – THE 9CC GROUP (ASSOCIATE)

Stephen McCarron, a qualified Economic Development practitioner, was the Development Manager for Auchinleck Community Development Initiative for 10 years before becoming the chief operating officer for The 9CC Group in 2023. He has been successful in securing over £3M in external funding into his community, which has funded the construction of a Community Growing Space, a Social Enterprise Garden Centre business and the delivery of a number of significant employability programmes; where over 300 jobs have been created for disadvantaged previously unemployed local residents. Prior to this, Stephen was an Advisor to the Scottish Government and was employed as a Senior Economic Development Officer within various local authorities, being responsible for the development, funding and delivery of numerous European Social Fund supported employability projects and services which were valued at £25M over a period of 10 years.

Stephen has delivered a number of presentations at various conferences, events and workshops, most notably, the Scottish Rural Parliament, DTAS Conferences and Coalfields Regeneration Trust Conference. His role with The 9CC Group is negotiate a "Fair Deal" in Community Benefit payments, currently with a total of over £80M of investment into our former Coalfield communities, from Wind Farm developers that ensures local democracy is at the heart of all decision making; *"local people, providing local solutions for local problems."*

EWEN MCLACHLAN – ASSYNT DEVELOPMENT TRUST (FULL)

Ewen McLauchlan, has been Development Officer with Assynt Development Trust since 2018 and over this time he has been pivotal in addressing priority areas for the North West of Scotland in terms of housing shortages, low paid employment and the threat of depopulation. Tourism, housing, economy and environment are key areas of Ewens expertise, and he actively works in delivering transformational services with ADT and being instrumental in setting up other community-led activities. Including Discover Assynt, Assynt Food Larder and a proposed mixed housing development. Ewen is also active in various advisory, research and steering

groups on a local and national level for offshore community benefits, creation of new jobs and connectivity in the North West.

Previously Ewen has worked as a columnist, owned a media and production company and events.

MARK MCRITCHIE – COMMUNITY CENTRAL HALL (FULL)

Mark is currently Chief Executive of CCH in Glasgow, leading a long-established Community Anchor in operation for over 45 years with a wide variety of enterprise and community services and projects, including childcare, community transport, community cinema and community fridge. A Fellow of the RSA, Mark has led CCH for over eighteen years, having worked previously as a qualified business adviser to social enterprises across Scotland. He is active in the social enterprise networks, and is Chair of Glasgow Social Enterprise Network, and is a board member of the Glasgow Social Enterprise Board, and a key member of GECCO (the Glasgow co-op of Development Trusts). He is also a Non-Executive Trustee of Student Association of University of the West of Scotland. He was previously the Vice-Chair of DTAS and during 2021-22 stepped down from the Board to act as Interim Chief Executive of DTAS. He lives in a new build community and runs a successful community Facebook group he established which has over 1300 individual resident members.

JANET MILES - GAIRLOCH AND LOCH EWE ACTION FORUM (FULL)

Janet is General Manager of GALE, a community development company serving the Gairloch and Loch Ewe communities in Wester Ross. Janet has managed GALE for the last 20 years growing its income generating capacity to change it from a fully grant funded organisation to a thriving social enterprise employing 25 staff and engaging 40 volunteers. Income streams developed now include retail trading, advertising services, events, public sector service level agreements and advice and support services to other community groups. In 2012 GALE completed construction of the first public building in Scotland to achieve Passive House Certification. In April 2016 Janet was appointed to the new Scottish Land Fund Committee and in October 2018 was appointed to the National Lottery Community Fund Scotland Committee.

ERIC MUNRO – INDIVIDUAL (ASSOCIATE)

Eric has been involved in the social enterprise and social finance space for over 20 years and is recognised as a pioneer in these areas. He is passionate about empowering communities, he has used his in-depth knowledge and experience of Social Finance to assist communities obtain appropriate finance in order to help them to reach their ambitions. Eric has also worked with a number of organisations promoting community based, community led solutions to encouraging enterprise and tackling poverty.

MICHAEL ROY – ANTERMONY DEVELOPMENT TRUST (FULL)

Michael Roy PhD is Professor of Economic Sociology and Social Policy at the Yunus Centre for Social Business and Health, Glasgow Caledonian University. He leads the Social Economy Research Group there. He is a leading international expert on social enterprise, Editor in Chief of Social Enterprise Journal and has published extensively on, among a wide variety of topics relevant to the third sector and community development generally, the health and wellbeing impacts of such activity. He is also Secretary of Antermomy Development Trust, focused on Antermomy Loch, Milton of Campsie.

TOM SNEDDON – CARLUKE DEVELOPMENT TRUST (FULL)

Tom is currently Chair of Carluke Development Trust in Lanarkshire which for a while was the only Scottish Trust registered with DTA (UK) before the inception of DTA Scotland in 2003. He was instrumental in helping get DTA Scotland off the ground. Tom is also a Director of Scotland's Towns Partnership and a member of the Scottish Government Cross Party Working group on Towns and Town Centres, and more recently appointed to the Scottish Vacant and Derelict Land Task Force, to represent development trusts, established by the Scottish Land Commission. In his professional capacity as an architect he has been involved in community-led regeneration projects for many years.

TRACY THOMSON - ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND (ASSOCIATE)

Tracy joined the NatWest Group plc in 1988, she has a background in Retail Banking as a Customer Service Officer, Customer Adviser, Branch Manager and latterly 14 years as a Relationship Manager in Business Banking based in Edinburgh working with businesses, charities and social sector organisations. In 2015 Tracy joined the, Social & Community Capital division as a Loans Officer, which is a social lender and independent charity supported and financed by the NatWest Group plc. In her current role she gets to support enterprises with a social purpose and to help promote sustainability in communities and develop the social finance and investment marketplace to support start-up and growing organisations who find it difficult to get sufficient mainstream finances across the UK.

ALEX WALKER – EKOPIA SOCIAL INVESTMENTS (FULL)

Alex is Chairman of Ekopia Social Investments, a community benefit society based in Findhorn, Morayshire. Formed in 2001, Ekopia has used community share issues to fund a variety of local initiatives including the 'community buy-out' of the local shop, wind power and affordable housing. He attended the 2003 DTA (UK) conference in Plymouth and shortly afterwards joined the board of DTA Scotland. Alex took on the role of DTAS Chairperson from 2006 to 2012. He is also involved in various other social enterprises operating in Moray.

LINDSAY WOOD – BURNFOOT COMMUNITY FUTURES (FULL)

Lindsay is Company Secretary and Manager with Burnfoot Community Futures, a Development Trust, SCIO and Limited Company in Hawick, and also Development Manager for A Heart for Duns, a Development Trust and a SCIO in Duns. Lindsay has been a volunteer for ages in local, regional and national groups, and formerly managed Cultural Services in Scottish Borders. He is also a trustee of Berwickshire Association for Voluntary Services, and has experience of wee and big project development works including both capital and revenue disciplines. In working with many articulate and passionate community groups he has seen the transformative impact local groups can make when taking ownership and being engaged in their community, and subscribes to the BBQ principle of intervention to make things Bigger, Better or Quicker, and to the MAD principle of Making A Difference.