

Development Trusts Association Scotland Board of Trustees Nominations 2024-25

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:

- Stephen McCarron, Associate Member, The 9CC Group. Stephen is not seeking re-election.
- Janet Miles, Full Member, Gairloch and Loch Ewe Action Forum. Janet is seeking re-election.
- Eric Munro, Associate Member, Individual. Eric is not seeking re-election.
- Michael Roy, Full Member, Antermoney Development Trust. Michael is seeking re-election.
- Alex Walker, Full Member, Ekopia Resource Exchange. Alex is not seeing re-election.

The DTAS constitution also requires that co-opted directors stand down at the AGM, they are:

- Sarah Compton-Bishop

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

- Andy Cuthbertson, Full Member, Rosemount Development Trust
- Matt Pearce, Full Member, West Calder & Harburn Community Development Trust
- Mellissa Thomson, Full Member, Eday Partnership

Therefore, we are Proposing the DTAS Board for 2024/25 is:

10 continuing Trustees:

Graham Black, Full Member, Moffat Town Hall Redevelopment Trust
Jim Bristow, Associate Member, Individual
Sandy Brunton, Full Member, Mull & Iona Community Trust
David Fryer, Full Member, Torry Development Trust
Jane Lamont, Full Member, Beith Community Development Trust
Ewen McLachlan, Full Member, Assynt Development Trust
Mark McRitchie, Full Member, Community Central Hall
Tom Sneddon, Full Member, Carluke Development Trust
Tracy Thomson, Associate Member, Royal Bank of Scotland
Lindsay Wood, Full Member, A Heart for Duns

2 Trustees seeking re-election:

Janet Miles, Full Member, Gairloch and Loch Ewe Action Forum
Michael Roy, Full Member, Antermoney Development Trust

3 New Trustees seeking election

Andy Cuthbertson, Full Member, Rosemount Development Trust

Matt Pearce, Full Member, West Calder & Harburn Community Development Trust

Mellissa Thomson, Full Member, Eday Partnership

This means, we are proposing the DTAS Board of Trustees as 15 this year.

The Board of Trustees has completed a governance review and refreshed governance processes have been agreed which will be implemented ahead of the AGM in 2025.

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.

ANDY CUTHBERTSON – ROSEMOUNT DEVELOPMENT TRUST (FULL)

Andy Cuthbertson is the Community Development Officer with Rosemount Development Trust, leading on Royston's Local Place Plan, as well as a large-scale greening project including acquiring Vacant & Derelict Land for park development and a local heritage project which will feed into Royston's school curriculum.

Andy previously worked as Head of Heritage at New Lanark, leading on projects including heritage-led regeneration, decolonisation and exploring LGBTQ+ lives in the Industrial Revolution. They have previously worked in PR for TRNSMT festival and Whyte & Mackay brands, with an extensive background in social media marketing.

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.

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.

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 Ewen's 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 Managing Director of GALE, a community development company serving the Gairloch and Loch Ewe communities in Wester Ross. Janet has managed GALE for the last 25 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 which they continue to run as a thriving community hub. Janet has served on the Scottish Land Fund Committee since 2016 and in October 2018 was appointed to the National Lottery Community Fund Scotland Committee.

MATT PEARCE – WEST CALDER & HARBURN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST (FULL)

Matt is the Chief Executive of West Calder & Harburn CDT which is where he lives and grew up. As a founding director then employee, he has been involved from planters and Santa's Sleighs through to major capital works and asset transfers. He thinks that communities should be able to decide what is best for themselves and that Development Trusts help

make that happen. In a supportive environment this can have a huge impact and the opportunity to help DTAS provide that is really inspiring to him. His interests include woodland management, history and travel (including an endless camper-van conversion!).

MICHAEL ROY – ANTERMONY DEVELOPMENT TRUST (FULL)

Michael Roy PhD is Professor of Social Innovation and Sustainable Organisations at Stirling Management School, University of Stirling. He is internationally recognised for his groundbreaking research on the health and wellbeing impacts of social enterprises and other organisations in the social economy. He is Editor in Chief of the longest-established scientific journal in the field, Social Enterprise Journal, and is Associate Editor of the Journal of Social Entrepreneurship. Michael is also Secretary of Antermony Development Trust, based in Milton of Campsie, and was elected Chair of DTAS in 2022.

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.

MELLISSA THOMSON – EDAY PARTNERSHIP (FULL)

Mellissa has lived on the small island of Eday in Orkney for most of her life, engaging in farming, fishing and various other island activities. She serves as a Director of the Eday Partnership, the development trust for the island, and also as a director of the trading subsidiary, Eday Renewable Energy. Eday Partnership delivers on training, community transport, events, climate action and is currently investigating housing options for the island.

A couple of years ago, Mellissa was elected as a Councillor for the North Isles Ward of Orkney Islands Council. Additionally, she chairs the board of Orkney Ferries, which operates the internal ferry service within Orkney and employs over 200 staff.

With a broad spectrum of knowledge, Mellissa is keenly aware that financial resources are becoming more constrained for everyone. Therefore, she advocates for strategic spending and innovative thinking. She believes that collaboration is essential for success.

LINDSAY WOOD – A HEART FOR DUNS (FULL)

Lindsay is 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 Director of Borders Community Action (TSl), 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.