

Board Members Register of Interests

Ensuring positive futures for children & young
people in Scotland



Interests

Chair – Michelle Miller (appointed 2018)

Michelle has worked primarily in local authority children and criminal justice social work services, first in England, moving to Scotland in 1985. In 2002, Michelle took up the post of Depute Chief Inspector of Social Work with what was then the Government's Social Work Services Inspectorate. Michelle was Chief Social Work Officer for the City of Edinburgh from 2007 to 2018. She was President of the Association of Directors of Social Work (now Social Work Scotland) in 2010/11.

Michelle's experience includes managing all forms of statutory social work and social care, with a special interest in children and community justice services. Michelle is a passionate believer in the Children's Hearings System, which sits at the heart of Scotland's policies on inclusion, promoting rights of children and young people and tackling inequalities.

Catherine Robertson (appointed November 2013)

Catherine is a qualified actuary who had a career in financial services, holding various senior management positions in finance, pensions and risk and governance.

She is currently deputy chair of the Pensions board of her professional body, is a member of a board of the Financial Reporting Council and a co-opted member of the Patient's Council of the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary

Remuneration:

- Member of a non-executive board of Financial Reporting Council

Anela Anwar (appointed December 2014)

A graduate in Law and Head of Projects at national charity roshni, Anela has over 10 years of experience in Scotland's third sector. Her expertise lies in working with children and young people, vulnerable groups and minority ethnic communities.

She is an experienced project leader with excellent interpersonal skills and an exceptional track record of stakeholder engagement.

Anela holds membership of a range of national boards and groups including the Voluntary Action Fund Board of Trustees, Scottish Parliament Cross Party Group on Children and Young People and Child Sexual Exploitation National Working Group.

Remuneration:

- Employee – UK Programme Manager for Oxfam Scotland.

Non-financial Interests:

- Board Member – Voluntary Action Fund
- Board Member/Director of The Poverty Alliance

Sam Anderson **(appointed June 2016)**

Sam Anderson is the Director and Founder of The Junction (young people, health and wellbeing), an award-winning charity based in Edinburgh which works with and for young people on a range of health issues.

Prior to setting up The Junction, Sam worked for two Edinburgh based voluntary organisations with a focus on homelessness, substance misuse, mental health issues and childhood sexual abuse. Her experience of these reactive services led Sam to develop a proactive, early intervention service, The Junction. Sam is also an Associate of Oasis, a human relations organisation focused on the development of individuals, teams, groups and organisations through whole person learning.

She is also a Specialist Fellow of the Clore Social Leadership Programme, a member of GSK/Kings Fund IMPACT Award Winners Network, and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

Remuneration:

- Director and Founder of The Junction, Edinburgh.
- Laughter Yoga Facilitator, NHS Lothian.

Martin Toye **(appointed June 2016)**

Martin is a Lecturer at the University of Edinburgh. Before undertaking a PhD in Psychology he trained as a Teacher and served as a chairing member of the Children's Panel.

Martin has worked in three Local Authorities and three Scottish Universities. He was chief investigator on a National Research Ethics Service registered project as part of his PhD and held honorary contracts with two NHS Health Boards. He is an elected member of the Developmental Psychology Section of the British Psychological Society.

Remuneration:

- Remuneration - Lecturer at the University of Edinburgh

Suzanne Vestri **(appointed June 2016)**

Suzanne is Director of Koru Consulting, providing training and development services to third-sector organisations and local authorities. The business was established in 2014.

Prior to this Suzanne was Director of 'see me' – a government-funded programme to end the stigma and discrimination of mental illness. Suzanne is also owner of a pedigree sheep and wool business.

Suzanne is membership secretary of the Shetland Sheep Society and a national committee member. She is a member of Humble Community First Responders Scheme and is secretary of Gifford Community Council. She has previously been a member and secretary of a number of community trusts and groups, with a keen interest on community development and land-ownership. She has also been a Board Member of East Lothian Housing Association and Homes for Life.

Remuneration:

- Director of Koru Consulting
- Director of Lammermuir Wool
- Membership Secretary of Shetland Sheep Society (honoraria)

Non-financial Interests:

- Member of Gifford Community Council
- Member of Scottish Labour Party

James Edgar **(appointed 2017)**

James Edgar is a qualified accountant with substantial finance and operational experience in the public sector at Director level. Most of his experience has been with DWP and its predecessors and he also had a spell as Finance Director at the Scottish Legal Aid Board. Jim also has experience as a Non-Executive Director, first with (the then) Stevenson College, Edinburgh serving two terms including four years as Chair. Most recently until August 2016 he completed two terms with the Scottish Qualifications Authority, including as Chair of the Audit Committee.

- No declared interests

Tam Baillie **(appointed October 2018)**

Tam has worked as a manager and practitioner with children and young people for almost 40 years. Tam's main areas of work experience and expertise includes: providing community based support to vulnerable children and young people; throughcare and aftercare services; homeless and street based services; and developing policy and legislation. From May 2009 to May 2017, Tam was Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People, promoting and safeguarding children's rights.

Remuneration:

- Chair of the Shetland Adult and Child Protection Committees
- Chair of the Western Isles Child Protection Committee
- Advisory Board of Moorehouse Residential School

Non-financial Interests:

- Board member of the International Play Association (World)
- Board member of the International Play Association (Scotland)
- Board member of Upstart (campaigning for kindergartens in Scottish education)
- Ambassador for the Cyrenians, Edinburgh
- Ambassador for the Licketyspit Children's Theatre Company
- Chair of the Campaign to End Youth Homelessness

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