

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.

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

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:

- 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 also owner of a pedigree sheep and wool business. She is a member and trustee of Humble Community First Responders Scheme. 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
- Member of the Standards Commission for Scotland

Non-financial Interests:

- Member of Unite the Union

Kay Barton **(appointed 2021)**

Kay worked in social policy and housing roles for Scottish Government before she retired, and previously at Barnardo's Scotland and in the social security system. She has experience of developing policy and strategy as well as managing operations, risk and finance systems.

Kay has been a board member of several Third Sector organisations, both national and local over many years. For the last 6 years she was a trustee at Home-Start Leith & NE Edinburgh and chaired the board. She has also been a volunteer mentor with teenagers, who keep her active and grounded.

Non-financial Interests:

- Kay is a trustee of an adoption society

Lorraine Moore **(appointed October 2021)**

Lorraine joined Edinburgh Napier University in 2018 where she set up and now manages the HUB for SUCCESS a collaborative initiative aimed at supporting people with care experience into tertiary education. Lorraine is a fully qualified and registered Social Worker and brings over 30 years of working children, young people, and their families in various community settings.

Lorraine spent 9 years advocating for children and young people attending children's hearings. Lorraine was a board member of the "Stop Go Group" – part of the Independent Care Review, Scotland. Lorraine has her own experience of childhood trauma, care experience and adverse childhood experiences and uses this experience to influence and develop her work. Lorraine is committed to keeping The Promise Scotland.

Remuneration:

- Lorraine is employed by Napier University in 2018 where she manages the HUB for SUCCESS

Ying Zhang (appointed November 2022)

Ying Zhang is the Strategy and Development Manager at Capital City Partnership, leading on an integrated service for children, young people and families from ethnically diverse communities in Edinburgh to tackle poverty and inequality. Prior to joining the board, Ying was the Area Convener of East Dunbartonshire Children's Hearings, and Board Trustee for Fife Women's Aid.

Ying is a registered Social Worker. She spent 7 years as a Children and Families Social Worker in the North East of Glasgow. In addition, Ying has research experience in gender based violence and global strategy development in private sector. Ying holds qualifications including LLB, MPhil in Social Science and Economic Studies, MsC in Social Work, Post Graduate certificate in Child Protection and Executive MBA with specialisation in Strategy.

Remuneration:

- Strategy and Development Manager at Capital City Partnership

Non Financial Interests:

- Trustee at Intercultural Youth Scotland

Hazel Smith (appointed November 2022)

Starting out in community education 30 years ago, Hazel set up, developed and managed organisations and projects combatting exclusion and inequality working with third sector and public sector services and economic development agencies. Much of the work has focused on children, young people and women: managing Youth Agencies and Women onto Work in Edinburgh; working with the European Commission on research and development projects that promoted women and young people's participation in education, enterprise and employment.

8 years ago, after a stint volunteering in rural Senegal with women and children's charities, she returned to Scotland and set-about developing social enterprises that supported women and families. One of those enterprises has won numerous awards for promoting egalitarian values and empowering vulnerable women to be leaders in their lives, careers and communities. She is a former Board Member of a number of charities working on behalf of women, children and other disadvantaged groups.

In March 2020, Hazel was appointed to the Board of the new Economic Development Agency - South of Scotland Enterprise and had a particular remit around the Third Sector, young people and social enterprise. She is also an Associate Consultant for Community Enterprise in Scotland.

Hazel is a former care-experienced young person and someone whose career path has primarily focused on working with disadvantaged groups and communities. That commitment was informed by the first 18 years of her life in care; starting out in youthwork in her late teens - through to setting-up and managing local, regional and national initiatives that focused on equality, inclusion, wellbeing and care for those who are most vulnerable. Board Membership of SCRA is a natural home; an opportunity to work collectively with likeminded others, towards a society that protects, cares for and values our children, our young people and their families.

Remuneration:

- Social enterprise business consultant with the CEIS Group

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