

MEET OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Current board members:



Ryan McCuaig, Chair

I am one of the Care Experienced board members and Chair of the Board. I was in kinship care, looked after at home and I went through the children's panel before the age of six. Later in life, I managed to graduate with a law degree and I'm now training to become a lawyer. I know that life can sometimes be difficult when you're young through no fault of your own, but I also think that if you are given the appropriate support, you can achieve your goals. I believe that every care experienced person has potential and I will do my best to provide us with a voice on the board of Who Cares? Scotland.



Megan Sutherland, Vice-Chair

I became a member of Who Cares? Scotland when I was 15 and needed advocacy. I grew up in Inverness and had kinship, residential, foster and supported care placements and was homeless before I moved to study Policy and Statistics at Glasgow Uni. I'm passionate about equality, rights, belonging and believing in people. I'm a board member of Who Cares? Scotland to make sure everything we do is about these values and driven by our members. I'm always happy to listen to you - find me at Camp, Care Family Christmas or email board@whocaresScotland.org if you would like to talk to me.



Alicia Santana, Board member

I am one of the Care Experienced board members. I study Music at Edinburgh Napier University and I am a music practitioner with Heavy Sound. It is my duty to ensure that Who Cares? Scotland listens to and empowers our members. I will always keep striving for a lifetime of Equality, Respect and Love for our global Care Experienced movement.



Anna Fowlie, Board member

I've been on the Who Cares? Scotland board for about 8 years. I've been the Chief Executive of the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) since April 2018. Before that I was the Chief Executive of the Scottish Social Services Council for nine years, and before that worked in Scottish Government and local government in policy and HR. I was brought up in Inverness and now live in Edinburgh.



Evan Haggerty, Board member

I'm the Group Finance Director of the Cruden Group, one of Scotland's largest development and construction groups. I am a Chartered Accountant with significant experience of financial control in a corporate environment. I have a background in operational financial management within the property industry and financial services as well as significant corporate finance experience. I joined the Who Cares? Scotland Board in 2015.



Ian Price, Board member

I'm an Ambassador at the Woodland Trust and joined the Who Cares? Scotland Board in 2012. I have been a senior manager and public affairs professional for over 20 years, working across the voluntary, business and political sectors. This included six years with RSPB Scotland as head of public affairs and marketing, and time as general secretary of the Scottish Labour Party.



Lee Davidson, Board member

I am a member of Who Cares? Scotland as a Care Experienced individual. The ethos of Who Cares mirrors my own personal values and beliefs. I am a mindful Health and Well-being Coach who empowers individuals to believe in themselves, teaching tools to help them deal with difficulties and build resilience. My mission in life is to show every child and young person that they are worthy and that they are loved. They can be so much more than what the statistics say. I encourage self-love as a way of becoming the very best version of you. You are enough, just as you are.



Sarah-Jane Linton, Board member

I'm a Head of Faculty at Edinburgh College and have been a senior manager in Further Education for 11 yrs. I'm a proud corporate parent and loving foster parent to my three amazing sons. I also sit on BBC Children in Need's grant making committee. I experienced life as a professional classical singer before I moved into teaching and the inspirational world of further education. My own experience of growing up in poverty with my five younger siblings and widowed mother has shaped my value base and drive to lead life-changing learning in colleges, just as it helped my family.



Seonag MacKinnon, Board member

I was born in Pilton, Edinburgh to parents from the Outer Hebrides. I attended a comprehensive before heading to St Andrews University and then London where I worked as a journalist. After a career break to have three children, I moved back to Scotland and became Education Editor at *The Scotsman* before working at the BBC for ten years. I am now a Communications and Public Affairs Consultant and a member of the Institute of Directors. I joined the board of Who Cares? Scotland as through professional and personal experience I was keenly aware of the acute challenges Care Experienced people face.

Board members who are resigning on 21 Feb 2020



Liz Delaney

I'm the Head of Quality and Compliance for the Donaldson Trust, a charity that encourages children and young people with additional support needs to fulfil their potential. Having worked in the voluntary sector for the past 15 years, I have enjoyed all the challenges and opportunities that have enriched my career and I am passionate about making a difference. My favourite pastimes include going to the gym and doing activities for charity like climbing Kilimanjaro and doing all four Kiltwalks. I love socialising and being around people and love to support people to achieve their potential.



Carron Bell

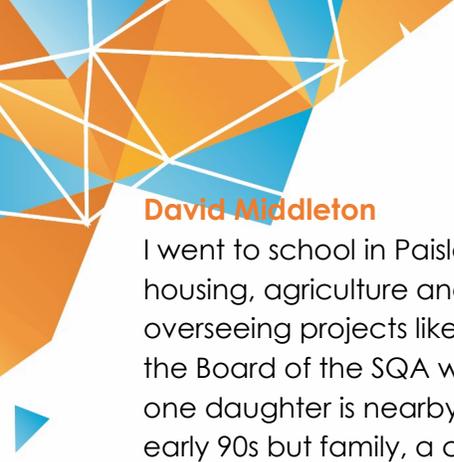
I have been on the Board since 2013 and feel lucky to have been involved with such an amazing organisation over such an incredible period. When I started on the Board, I was a solicitor and had worked for a corporate law firm for around seven years. I was delighted to become involved in Who Cares? Scotland as a chance to work with an organisation that made such a positive difference to lots of people. I'm now a Children's Reporter and really enjoy my job. I have found the perspective that Who Cares? Scotland gives me invaluable to my day job.

Candidates for the Board:

All candidates have gone through a rigorous three stage recruitment process including a written personal statement, interviews with current board members and interviews with Care Experienced members. There are enough free spaces on the board for all five candidates to be elected.

Carmel Jacob

I am a Care Experienced member of Who Cares? Scotland. I grew up in Kinship Care and lived with my Gran from a young age. Involvement in Who Cares? Scotland has changed my life. It has granted me a sense of belonging and supported me to proudly own my identity as a member of the Care Experienced Community. There is nothing I am more passionate about than advocating for Who Cares? Scotland's vision of a lifetime of equality, respect and love for Care Experienced People. I believe that everyone has a unique contribution to make to this world. I work as an Educational Psychologist to support children and young people develop socially and emotionally healthy ways of coping with their life experiences and overcoming barriers to learning. I am committed to taking ownership of my role in ensuring that all members of our Care family are provided with the support and encouragement they need to realise their full potential and lead happy and fulfilling lives.



David Middleton

I went to school in Paisley before Glasgow University. I had a career in the public service covering housing, agriculture and transport, becoming chief executive of Transport Scotland in 2009, overseeing projects like the Queensferry Crossing and the Borders Railway. Now semi-retired, I chair the Board of the SQA which has links to Who Cares? Scotland. I live in Edinburgh with my wife, our one daughter is nearby. I play golf for exercise. I was involved in the Scout Movement until the early 90s but family, a career and voluntary service didn't work for me. I would like to do something now.

Jennifer Royston

I started my career as a commercial lawyer however since then I have chosen roles which give paramountcy to protecting vulnerable members of our society whether in developing countries or in the United Kingdom. I have worked in a number of countries including Sierra Leone, Iraq, Nigeria and Uganda and I have seen the impact supporting an individual to voice breaches of their human rights can have and also the societal change that can result from enabling community members to work together to advocate for their rights. I currently work as a Children's Reporter and I aim to ensure that children and young people are at the forefront of any decision I make. I am passionate about assisting Who Cares? Scotland to empower both the individual and the collective voice.

Shaun Brittain

I am a sports fanatic and love the outdoors. I have recently started working as a children and families social worker. I also work in residential care on a part-time basis. I have brief care experience and consider myself very grateful for the support from representatives of Who Cares? Scotland in supporting me to achieve my goals. I like to think I am easy to talk to and will strive to represent the views of care experienced individuals.

Trevor Hillman

Until recently I was the UK Operations Director for a commercial insurance company, in a 40-year career that included sales, leadership, financial performance and regulatory compliance. I strongly believe in helping people and, as such, I am keen to be part of the Who Cares? Scotland Board and use the career / life skills that I have to ensure that members and the wider Care Experienced community are listened to, treated fairly and with respect. I am a father to my 2 grown up sons and teenage adopted daughter. When the family is not keeping me busy or commenting on my bad dad jokes, I like to get out on the open road with my motorbike.

