



**SURF**  
Scotland's Regeneration Forum

SURF : sharing experience : shaping practice

## **Session 1 – 24<sup>th</sup> August**

### **Biographies**

**Kate Wimpres** | Director/ Chair | North Edinburgh Arts/ SURF



Kate is a third sector leader, who has worked for arts organisations and local authorities across Northern Ireland and Scotland since 1990.

Kate is the Director of North Edinburgh Arts, which provides opportunities for individual and community development through contact with the professional arts. The organisation is active in the local regeneration process and is currently working with the local authority on a major capital programme to create a neighbourhood hub promoting culture, learning, work and well-being.

Alongside Chairing Scotland's Regeneration Forum (SURF) she sits on the Board of Tinderbox Orchestra and North Edinburgh Childcare.

From 2019-20 Kate was Convener of the first Citizens' Assembly of Scotland.

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**Euan Leitch** | Chief Executive | SURF – Scotland's Regeneration Forum



SURF is Scotland's regeneration forum for practitioners, policy makers and academics. By sharing and channelling the experience, views and ideas and of its extensive membership of over 300 cross-sector organisations, SURF helps to inform better policy and practice for more successful and sustainable community regeneration throughout Scotland. SURF is primarily concerned with shared efforts to tackle the causes and degenerative impacts of poverty and inequalities.

Euan joined SURF in May 2021 following 8 years with the Built Environment Forum Scotland. He is a longstanding supporter of SURF and its cross-sector collaborative approach to addressing inequalities.

At BEFS Euan delivered a strong programme of strategic policy work that included promoting and fostering the productive links between the built environment and community regeneration, diversity, resilience and the maintenance agenda. A priority for Euan will be ensuring that communities experiencing the consequences of deprivation are actively involved in responding to the climate emergency.

Euan is a Board Member of Under One Roof.

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**Helen Wray** | Head of Programmes and Philanthropy | Foundation Scotland



Helen Wray is Head of Programmes and Philanthropy at Foundation Scotland. She currently leads the team that supports the Foundation Scotland portfolio of individual philanthropists, corporate clients, Charitable Trusts and Foundations and UKCF.

In 2020 her team led on the delivery of the National Emergencies Trust funded Response, Recovery and Resilience fund setup to provide financial support to community groups and charities in their response the coronavirus pandemic.

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**Terry Paterson** | Project Manager | Larkhall Community Growers/ Larkhall Community Network



Terry Paterson is the Project Manager Larkhall Community Growers, Lead Member of Larkhall Community Network, Church Elder / Treasurer, Secretary Larkhall Christians Together, TSI Board Member, retired National Director of Prison Fellowship Scotland.

After 25 wonderful, but challenging, years of volunteering, holding the posts of Director of Operations and ultimately Director of a National Charity, working solely within our Scottish prisons, I left to serve Larkhall Community Growers which was established in 2010.

Her work life for those many years has brought her alongside many people who have found themselves in their most challenging times. The largest percentage being in group work, delivering Restorative Justice courses and one-to-one sessions within the prison setting; often providing support and encouragement to family members of those then serving custodial sentences. Fundamental in all of that and in other areas of opportunity since then, it has been her conviction that everyone has value and my commitment to having that realised by those who may not see that for themselves.

Following on from the pandemic in 2020 the work within the Larkhall and surrounding area, recognised as having been limited in life due to social deprivation, presents many opportunities to signpost to agencies, services and need related help/support to improve their ability to become more independent.

Terry's most impressive achievements are times when people fed back that because of her input family life has been restored, opportunities to change direction in life have been taken. Today many of those she once coached are working for charities across Scotland.

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**Tom Arthur MSP | Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth | Scottish Government**



Born in Paisley in 1985, Tom Arthur was first elected to the Scottish Parliament for the seat of Renfrewshire South at the 2016 election, holding the seat in 2021.

Mr Arthur was raised in Barrhead, East Renfrewshire, where he was educated at Cross Arthurlie Primary and Barrhead High School. He graduated with a Bachelor of Music then later Master of Music from the University of Glasgow. Before entering politics, he worked as a company director, freelance piano teacher and keyboardist.

In May 2021, Mr Arthur was appointed Minister for Public Finance, Planning & Community Wealth.

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**Hazel Cross | Project Manager - Economic Development | Fife Council**



Hazel has over 20 years' experience in economic and social regeneration. Using place based approaches, she has worked in communities across Fife to help build capacity and resilience, harness aspirations and opportunities to support the development of sustainable and thriving places.

She was the Local Authority lead following the Lochgelly Charrette in 2010 and with community stakeholders helped develop the town, which won SURF's Scotland's Most Improved Town award in 2016.

Latterly she has been working within town centre development to support the evolution of town centres as multi-functional inclusive hubs at the heart of our communities and is currently working as a project manager within Fife's Economic Development Service.

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**Anna Fowlie | Chief Executive | Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations**



Anna joined SCVO as Chief Executive at the end of April 2018. SCVO is the national membership body for the voluntary sector in Scotland, providing services such as payroll and IT as well as lobbying and policy work on behalf of the sector and publishing Third Force News. Before that, she was Chief Executive of the Scottish Social Services Council for nearly 9 years. The SSSC is the professional regulator for social workers and people working in adult and children's social care.

Her career started with 18 years working in HR in local government, after which Anna joined COSLA as part of the employers' function working on, for example, national pay negotiations.

She then became lead for all policy relating to children and young people which led to her being seconded into Scottish Government to lead on corporate parenting for children and young people in the care system before moving to the SSSC in 2009.

Anna has recently stepped down from the board of Who Cares? Scotland after 8 years, and joined the Oversight Board for The Promise. She is also on the board of SCDI. She has a degree in History of Art from Edinburgh University, a postgraduate qualification in HR and is a Chartered Member of the CIPD.

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**Lisa Maclean** | Chief Executive | Urras Oighreachd Ghabhsainn

Lisa Maclean is currently Chief Executive of Urras Oighreachd Ghabhsainn, a community landlord in the Outer Hebrides. Lisa is also Chair and co-founder of Community Land Outer Hebrides, an organisation established to support community land trusts to work collectively and share knowledge and best practice. She has recently served on the Scottish Government's Social Renewal Advisory Board.



Lisa has worked across the Highlands and Islands as a qualified business coach for the service industry and has held management positions in both the private and public sector.

Lisa, originally from Northern Ireland, moved to Edinburgh to study and relocated to the Isle of Lewis in 2004. She is passionate about community empowerment and enjoys nothing more than supporting others to get a new enterprise off the ground.

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**Emma Scott** | Events, Information and Communications Manager | SURF – Scotland's Regeneration Forum



Emma is the Events, Information and Communications Manager at SURF. Having worked at SURF since 2012 her role includes; overseeing membership and network communications, SURF event management – including the Annual Conference and SURF Awards Dinner, the management and delivery of the annual SURF Awards scheme and the gathering and distribution of information from the Alliance for Action programme, and SURF's wider activities. She was also involved in the evaluation of the Resilient Scotland funding model.

She has an Honours degree in Marketing and Enterprise and has been working in marketing and communications for 17 years, and has been working in UK wide regeneration for 13 years, particularly around place-based regeneration, arts and culture, social enterprise, community development and social value assessment.

Emma currently sits on the Central Govan Action Plan Steering Group and is a Board Member of the DRC Youth Project.

Emma has a background in creativity and the arts having trained in Acting. She previously worked in retail window dressing and visual displays. She has worked with various community groups and arts projects.

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