

National Conference 2018

Biographies

Alan Hatton-Yeo MBE, Generations Working Together and Conference Chair

Alan worked for 16 years as CEO of the Beth Johnson Foundation and retired in January 2014 to focus on his interest in Intergenerational Work and Age-Friendly Communities. He has an international reputation for his work in the field of Intergenerational Practice and Ageing and has written extensively. His current roles include being expert lead for the Welsh Age-Friendly Community programme and Associate Editor of the Journal for Intergenerational Relationships.

In 2012 he was awarded Doctor of University by the University of Keele in recognition of his contribution and leadership in the field of ageing and an MBE for his contribution to the development of intergenerational practice.

Councillor Eva Bolander, Lord Provost of Glasgow

Councillor Eva Bolander from Anderston/City/Yorkhill area in Glasgow has been appointed as the Lord Provost of Glasgow in 2017.

The Swedish-born member for Anderston/City/Yorkhill made history as the first EU national chosen to be the city's first citizen and is the 5th woman to hold this post.

She came to Glasgow in the 1990s and has held roles which include; archaeologist, mum and web designer. One of her hobbies is pipping.

Ewan Fisher, Business Analyst, TUV SUD (Global Engineering Consultancy)

Ewan is Business Analyst and Operations Manager for global engineering consultancy TUV SUD in the UK, where he has worked for five years and is responsible for commercial analysis, strategy support and acquisitions. Prior to that Ewan was Commercial Manager for Glasgow based social enterprise Haven Recycle, which operates a WEEE recycling facility while providing meaningful and sustainable employment to disabled and disadvantaged adults.

Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Childcare and Early Years

Maree Todd grew up in the West Highlands, attending Ullapool High School and then studying pharmacy and prescribing at Robert Gordon's and Strathclyde, as well as taking an ante-natal teaching diploma at the University of Bedfordshire, all by distance learning.

A pharmacist by profession, Maree worked in NHS Highland for 20 years, mainly as a mental health pharmacist in a psychiatric hospital. She also contributed to SIGN guidance on perinatal mental health.

She was appointed Minister for Childcare and Early Years in November 2017.

Susan Langford MBE, Director, Magic Me

In 1989, following a career in graphic design and community arts, Susan founded Magic Me, www.magicme.co.uk the UK's leading provider of intergenerational arts projects. She has led its development from a small local charity to become an expert force and advocate for intergenerational work nationally and beyond. Magic Me serves the culturally diverse community of Tower Hamlets, East London, where it is based, and is growing to serve the east of England region. It also shares its extensive practical experience and expertise through publications, training and collaborative projects. Susan has undertaken training and consultancy work with clients across the UK and in Ireland, Spain and Brazil.

She has served on the UK Social Integration Commission (2013), the Centre for Intergenerational Practice's Advisory Group and the Management Committee of ICIP (International Consortium of Intergenerational Programmes) In July 2007 Prime Minister Gordon Brown recognised Susan in his book *Britain's Everyday Heroes*, saying "*With gentleness and determination in equal measure, Susan has built a powerful model that is breaking down prejudice, building connections and touching lives.*" She was made an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours in June 2011.

Trevor Owen, Cohesive Communities Team Leader, Scottish Government

Trevor joined the then Scottish Executive in 2003, and has worked in a number of roles across the organisation focusing on Justice, Culture and External Affairs, and equality and human rights. He currently heads up a team focusing on building cohesive communities, which includes responsibility for developing Scotland's first National Strategy to tackle social isolation and loneliness. In his spare time, Trevor is a trustee and chair of LGBT Health and Wellbeing which works to tackle health inequalities for LGBT people in Scotland.