
BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

Professor Linda Bauld

Professor Linda Bauld, OBE is the Bruce and John Usher Chair in Public Health in the Usher Institute, College of Medicine, University of Edinburgh and Chief Social Policy Adviser to the Scottish Government. For the past 25 years she has led studies to prevent or treat the main modifiable risk factors for Non-Communicable Diseases including cancer, diabetes and respiratory and cardiovascular diseases. She chaired two Scottish Government Advisory Groups during the pandemic and is involved in Scotland's Standing Committee on Pandemics, working on preparedness for future threats. Her Scottish Government role also involves chairing a cost-of-living analytical group, a review of social security in Scotland and a new population health plan for Scotland. Her office in Scottish Government hosts the Fuel Poverty Advisory Panel Secretariat. She is a former Scientific Adviser to the UK Department of Health, the World Health Organisation and Cancer Research UK on prevention and public health.

Rose Chard

Rose leads the Energy Systems Catapult's pioneering work on consumer vulnerability in a low carbon smart energy system and is the Technical Lead on the Warm Home Prescription programme. She works with a range of public and private sector clients on challenging experiments to ensure that low income and vulnerable consumers can participate in the current and future energy system. She combines valuable insights and proven design methods to help shape policy, products and services that will better serve people's needs. Rose is a frequent speaker, chair and author of key reports on the topic of consumer vulnerability in a low-carbon future. She holds a PhD in social research, looking at how decisions made in energy policy and through community action impact on the behaviours of older fuel poor households in England.

Matthew Cole

Matthew is a strategist, advocate and campaigner leading activity to support the most vulnerable in the energy industry, championing and driving change to both deliver better consumer outcomes and to build trust in the sector.

He set up and continues to lead the Fuel Bank Foundation that has to date supported over a million people who are living without heat, light and power. He also chairs the Scottish Fuel Poverty Advisory Panel.

Having grown up in a community deep in fuel poverty he is determined that different thinking and approaches are needed to address this very real challenge that so many people across Scotland and the UK have to deal with on a daily basis.

Sean Duffy

Sean is currently Chief Executive of the Wise Group where he has led a successful technical, cultural and financial transformation. He is a positive, dynamic and innovative leader who has a track record of building values-based partnerships that

focus on expanding impactful collaborations to improve some of the most significant challenges in our society.

Prior to the Wise Group he was commercial director of Newsquest Scotland and also has an impressive senior leadership track record with a number of high-profile organisations such as FirstGroup, National Express and STV Group.

He serves on several Boards and has most recently joined the Donaldson Trust as Chairman, championing Neurodiversity across government and society.

Dr Manal Eshelli

Over the past ten years, Manal has been advocating and supporting minority ethnic communities and strengthening them and their families.

David Hilferty

David is Director of Impact at Citizens Advice Scotland (CAS). He joined CAS as Strategic Lead for Social Justice in October 2022, initially moving from a role within the Directorate for International Trade and Investment at the Scottish Government.

Prior to that, David was Deputy CEO at Money Advice Scotland where he led on the design and delivery of the organisation's strategic plan.

Rob Howard

Rob has had a career long commitment to tackling inequalities within the context of the wider determinants of health. He has worked in the voluntary sector (welfare rights, housing and health, NEA), the NHS (Regional Associate Director for NICE), the Civil Service (Food Standards Agency), and Local Authorities (Public Health Consultant), and is now the Director of Public Health for Leicester City Council.

For the past 4 years Rob has been a Trustee of NEA.

Dr Kirsten E H Jenkins

Kirsten is a Senior Lecturer in Energy, Environment and Society within the Science, Technology and Innovation Studies group at the University of Edinburgh and Programme Director for the Energy, Society and Sustainability MSc. Her background is as a sustainable development and human geography scholar, with research interests that centre on energy policy, energy justice, Just Transitions, fuel poverty, and sustainable energy provision and use.

Alongside her lecturership, Kirsten serves as Managing Editor for the journal Energy Research and Social Science, Associate Fellow of the Durham Energy Institute, external examiner to postgraduate programmes in Development, Environment and Policy at SOAS, and Deputy Theme Champion for the Energy, People, Policy, and Society theme of the Energy Technology Partnership. Kirsten also runs two large

international energy social science networks. She is a member of the Scottish Government's Fuel Poverty Advisory Panel.

Hazel Knowles

Hazel joined Advice Direct Scotland in 2021 since then has been instrumental in developing the energy advice and home heating fund services, Hazel's work over the last 2 years has focused on improving the organisations visibility in the sector and ensuring enhanced outcomes for vulnerable energy customers.

Aythan Lewes

Aythan is a Chartered Building Surveyor, Domestic Energy Assessor and Retrofit Assessor. He has worked in Scotland and Ireland over a 17-year career. In this time he has worked for all client types and across all buildings. In 2022 he joined EALA Impacts, a social enterprise Architecture & Building Surveying practice providing triple bottom line consultancy and advice for building owners and communities.

Ann Loughrey

Ann has been campaigning against fuel poverty since 1987 and worked across all sectors to bring about positive changes to people living in cold, damp homes. This has included leading the campaign to end fuel poverty in the run up to the 1997 General Election which received cross party support; getting the term fuel poverty in the Oxford English Dictionary; and collaborating with the Scottish Government for the introduction of the first Central Heating and energy efficiency programme following devolution. More recently Ann worked as a volunteer at my local foodbank throughout the pandemic and helped secure emergency heating as well as food for local families and individuals.

Gillian Martin MSP

Gillian Martin grew up in Newburgh, Aberdeenshire. Prior to her role as an MSP, she lectured in Television Production at North East Scotland College and ran her own video production company. She also designed safety courses for the energy industry and was the manager of an emergency media response team for companies operating in the North Sea for 10 years.

Ms Martin was elected as a Member of the Scottish Parliament to represent Aberdeenshire East in 2016 and was appointed as the Scottish Government's Minister for Energy and the Environment in March 2023.

Rachel McAdams

After completing a PhD at the University of Glasgow, Rachel has held a variety of roles in public health locally and nationally over the last 15 years. This has had a particular focus on health improvement and health inequalities. Rachel has worked across a wide range of health improvement policy areas, including the wider determinants, e.g. poverty prevention, economy and education; and health behaviours policy, such as sexual health and alcohol harm. Her roles have included service delivery, research

and strategic roles, working across different parts of the system, from the third sector, local and national NHS Boards, and within Scottish Government. Her current role within Public Health Scotland focuses on key building blocks of health, tackling poverty and income inequality and supporting healthier economic policy.

Maureen McIntosh

Maureen is Director of Customer Services for SGN having joined in 2006. Maureen has over 28 years of experience in the utility industry and started her career in the electricity sector with SSE in 1995 before going on to join SGN.

An experienced Customer Service professional, Maureen has helped turn an engineering company with customer service obligations, into a customer experience company delivering excellent engineering services. She is passionate about taking the very best care of customers and ensuring those who need help the most are supported through strong, collaborative partnerships.

Lynda Mitchell

Lynda is based in Oban and is Chief Executive Officer at ALLenergy (Argyll, Lomond and the Islands Energy Agency), a member organisation of Energy Action Scotland, focussing on alleviation of fuel poverty in Argyll & Bute and Lochaber. Lynda has been at ALLenergy since 2009 working on range of affordable warmth and carbon reduction projects and has previously worked in biotechnology and in academia. Lynda has a degree in earth sciences from the University of Cambridge and a PhD in climate change from University of Glasgow. She has been a Trustee of Energy Action Scotland since 2017 and Convener since 2021.

Chris Morgan

Chris is an architect and a Director at John Gilbert Architects with over 30 years' experience in ecological design and sustainable development. He has maintained a range of experience from master planning and energy infrastructure, through to award-winning and innovative architecture, research and teaching.

Previously a Chair of the Scottish Ecological Design, Chris is one of only four architects with advanced sustainable architecture accreditation from the RIAS. He is a design review panelist for Architecture + Design Scotland and has certification in Passivhaus design, building biology and permaculture.

Niall Murphy

Niall has nearly 20 years' experience as an architect and is heavily involved in heritage, conservation and community issues in Glasgow being current Chair of Govanhill Baths Building Preservation Trust – the largest meanwhile use in Scotland – and Vice Chair for the Pollokshields Trust – a community anchor organisation set up following the 'Make Your Mark' East Pollokshields and Port Eglinton Charrette in 2016 which Niall helped secure funding for. Previously, Niall has been chair of Pollokshields Heritage, Planning Convener for Pollokshields Community Council and a member of the Glasgow Urban Design Panel. Between 2016 – 2018 he was invited by the Minister

for Local Government and Housing to be a member of the Development Management Working Group for the Scottish Government's Planning Review.

Niall has won the Glasgow Doors Open Day Excellence Award for Inspiring City Tour (2017), the Glasgow Doors Open Day Above and Beyond Award (2014), the Sir Robert Lorimer Award for Sketching (1996) and, in addition to nominations for Saltire Awards and GIA Awards was nominated for the Scottish Civic Trust's My Place Award for Civic Champion in 2015. Niall regularly lectures on architecture, heritage and urban design issues.

Satwat Rehman

Satwat is the Chief Executive of One Parent Families Scotland (OPFS) and Co-chair of Scotland's Just Transition Commission. Satwat has over thirty years' experience working across the public and voluntary sectors on a range of social justice and equalities issues, which she brings to the JTC to ensure we make fair and equitable transition for people and communities most affected by poverty and inequalities.

Adam Scorer

Adam is Chief Executive of National Energy Action. He has been a consumer rights campaigner for many years including at Which?, energywatch, Consumer Focus and Citizens Advice. As a consumer advocate he has been a member of numerous advisory boards and committees from civil aviation to insurance fraud. Fuel poverty and consumer vulnerability have been a focus throughout his career and Adam was appointed Chief Executive at NEA in December 2017. Adam is also a Trustee of Energy Action Scotland.

Bill Scott

Bill has been with Inclusion Scotland for over 16 years and has previously served as its Deputy Chief Executive. He has worked in the Third Sector for over 30 years including work as a senior researcher in the Scottish Parliament and with various anti-poverty and equalities organisations. He has had a long-standing interest in fuel poverty.

Frazer Scott

Frazer is CEO of Energy Action Scotland. He is passionate about the social and environmental justice aspects of sustainable development. He has worked for over 20 years at a senior level with large multi-nationals, public bodies, local business, charities, social enterprise, and community bodies. He has developed and secured considerable levels of investment from public and private sector investors and led successful tenders for high profile international programmes and projects. These activities have made a positive impact on communities across Scotland and overseas. He has managed cutting edge policy and research management across a range of social, economic and environmental topics. He has authored and edited innovative work on employability in a greener economy and wellbeing as a measure of social progress. He is an advisory board member of the University of Strathclyde's Centre

for Energy Policy, a board member of National Energy Action, Utilita Giving, and Aberdeen Heat and Power.

Lewis Shand-Smith

Formerly the UK Energy Ombudsman Lewis now leads on projects designed to raise standards for consumers and provide access to dispute resolution in several key sectors, together with working on the transition to clean energy for all. He chairs the Business Banking Resolution Service, the Scottish Energy Consumers Network and the New Homes Quality Board Code Council; he is a member of the Scottish Energy Advisory Board and the Green Heat Finance Taskforce and is on the Expert Consumer Panel of the Office of Rail and Road; he is also the Convener of LGBT Youth Scotland.

Brian Whittington

Brian has worked in energy efficiency and climate change work since 2000, delivering projects across the UK, including 9 years at Tighean Innse Gall; now supporting them as an external consultant. He holds a PGCE in adult education with specialism in climate change.

Stewart Wilson

Stewart jointly runs a recently formed Hebridean based consultancy; Muirneag Consulting Ltd.

Muirneag is currently working with the Point & Sandwick Trust (PST) advising on fuel poverty for the Trust and operating their Energy Support Unit. With the close working relationship Stewart is an appointed representative for PST on the EAS board.

As the former CEO of Tighean Innse Gall (TIG) with a specialist architectural and building science background he has a wealth of experience in the energy efficiency and fuel poverty sector. He is a Certified member of the Association for Project Safety and a Tech IOSH member and has over 25 years' experience in construction, energy efficiency, housing development, building performance, health & safety and fuel poverty issues.

Stewart was an invited member of the Scottish Government's Fuel Poverty Panel and Forum prior to its restructuring and also sat on the government's short life working group for the 'heat pump sector deal'. He is a past Trustee and Convener of Energy Action Scotland.