



iGIVE - Implementation Group Inspiring Volunteering (in) Edinburgh

The implementation group was set up in 2006 to ensure the implementation of the Action Plan, within the terms of the Edinburgh Compact. The group includes representatives from the voluntary and community sector, Careers Scotland, the City of Edinburgh Council, Edinburgh Interfaith Association, Lothian & Borders Police, NHS Lothian, and Scottish Business in the Community. Each representative undertakes to progress the strategy action plan within their agencies and communities of interest.

(Listed in alphabetical order by surname)

Lara Celini, Volunteer Centre Edinburgh (iGIVE Secretariat)

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Lara is responsible for working closely with the Volunteer Centre Edinburgh Capacity Building Team to deliver high quality communications on volunteering issues to agencies, individuals and media, and for providing secretariat to the *Implementation Group Inspiring Volunteering in Edinburgh*. Lara also produces the bi-weekly Volunteer Manager's Bulletin which is distributed to over 500 Volunteer Involving Organisations in Edinburgh, and over 1,000 individual subscribers.

Patricia Dawson, NHS Lothian

NHS Lothian, Associate Nurse Director
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In this role Patricia has responsibilities for much of the Involving People Agenda, including improving the patient experience of care. Patricia leads the work in Volunteering in NHS Lothian working with other key partners. Patricia has been in this role since September 2006 and has previously worked for the Royal College of Nursing (Scotland) and as Director of the Scottish Association of Health Councils. In both these posts, she had a wide range of relationships with national voluntary organisations. Both roles were also in organisations governed by volunteers!

Harriet Eadie, Volunteer Centre Edinburgh

Director

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Harriet is responsible for leading and managing Volunteer Centre Edinburgh and its team of staff and many volunteers. Harriet has worked in volunteering for 20 years and been heavily involved with the development of the volunteering strategy both nationally and locally. Volunteer Centre Edinburgh is the lead body for volunteering in the city and part of a network of 32 Volunteer Centres across Scotland.

Harriet works with many other committees, networks and partnerships including Edinburgh Compact Partnership; Edinburgh Community Learning and Development Partnership; Health Inequalities Standing Group; National Volunteering Forum for Older People and the Volunteer Development Scotland/Volunteer Centres Partnership Management Group.

Nina Giles, Edinburgh & Lothian's Racial Equality Council (ELREC)

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Nina is responsible for the operational, financial and staff management for ELREC. Nina also has a policy development role in promoting racial equality. Edinburgh and Lothian's Racial Equality Council works with a wide range of partners, aiming to develop policies that will equalise the opportunity of access for black and minority ethnic communities.

Nina works in union with Voluntary Sector Strategic Group; Community of Interest Support Network and Community Safety Partnership.

Christine Harrison, Lothian and Borders Police

Safer Communities Department, Volunteer Co-ordinator

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Christine is based within the Safer Communities Department at Force Headquarters. Lothian and Borders Police Volunteer Programme allows members of the public to volunteer with Lothian and Borders Police whilst involved in policing in their local areas. In the future there are hopes to provide varied opportunities throughout the Force area by adopting a flexible approach to the development of roles that will provide additional support to staff and the communities that are served. Christine manages the Programme centrally to ensure consistency, with Divisions and departments encouraged to suggest possible roles which would enhance their work.

Christine is also involved with the development and support of some of the other volunteers that are within Lothian and Borders Police including Neighbourhood Watch Schemes, Community Safety Panels and Crime Prevention Panels. She is working on new procedures and guidelines to standardise the level of service and support the organisation provides for these groups across the Force and to clarify their objectives and functions.

Andrew Jackson, WRVS

Media and Public Affairs Manager

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Andrew's role is to liaise with the media and the body politic over issues of concern to WRVS, its volunteers and its service users, as well as keeping the organisation up to speed with political developments in Scotland.

Andrew has worked in the voluntary sector since 1995 when he started out as a full time volunteer youth worker in North Edinburgh. He continued volunteering to support people with learning difficulties with People First (Scotland) and Powerful Partnerships (as an advocate) and has also volunteered with a mental health charity in New York City. He has worked as a development worker for the Edinburgh homelessness organisation now known as Streetwork, as a home-school link worker for the Craigmillar Instep Project, as a development worker for the Craigmillar Ability Network and as Access Panel Project Officer, Policy Officer and ultimately Policy Manager for the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO).

His experience, combined with that of WRVS, which is one of the largest volunteering organisations in Scotland and the UK, particularly enables him to support the successful implementation of Edinburgh's ground-breaking volunteering strategy. He is also well placed to link it with the work WRVS continually undertakes to promote and ensure a positive volunteering experience for volunteers, service users and organisations alike.

Tom Lea, Edinburgh Inter-faith Association (EIFA)

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Tom works in a number of roles for EIFA. He is responsible for coordinating the annual Festival of Spirituality and Peace, the Diversity Cup football tournament, various Inter-Faith Week events and other special events throughout the year. On a day-to-day level, Tom is in regular contact with Edinburgh's faith communities and represents their interests at Scottish Government and City of Edinburgh Council consultations. Tom is also responsible for promoting interfaith dialogue and activities amongst young people in Edinburgh.

Edinburgh's religious communities represent a fantastic volunteering resource. As a representative of the Edinburgh Inter-Faith Association, Tom brings faith community contacts to the table and can report back directly to the communities about the Volunteer Strategy. It is important that the specific needs of faith communities are considered when implementing this strategy.

Donald Lumsden, Careers Scotland

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Donald is a Careers Scotland Manager working in Edinburgh. Careers Scotland provides career guidance and employability support to enable people of all ages to progress into and sustain work, learning and training opportunities. Volunteering is an option that Careers Scotland Advisers actively promote with clients when appropriate.

In September 2007 it was announced by the Scottish Government that Careers Scotland, Scottish University for Industry, and key skills elements in Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise would be brought together to form a new single skills body to take forward and deliver on the vision set out in the Scottish Government's skills strategy 'Skills for Scotland'. The partners came together to form Skills Development Scotland. Skills Development Scotland will develop meaningful partnerships at national, regional and local levels.

Donald is also involved in a number of other committees and partnerships including the South East Forum, LEAPS Management Group, Community Learning and Development and GAP (Guidance Access Points)

Stuart Mair, Canongate Youth Project

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Stuart co-ordinates a project that has a long history of working with volunteers and in partnership with others has developed a detailed programme of recruitment, support and training.

Stuart serves on Compact Partnership as a member on the Network for Children, Young People and Families as a Chairperson and with the Children and Young Person's Strategic Partnership as a member.

Stuart is able to share information through the Eke-Out organisation newsletter based at EVOC and through the Lothian Association of Youth Clubs newsletter and electronic networking systems.

Graeme McKechnie, City of Edinburgh Council

Former Corporate Policy Officer – Voluntary Sector Liaison

Graeme has had a range of outward facing and key Council functions supporting aspects of the Compact work programme including acting in a joint Secretariat capacity and facilitating the Council's response to challenges in line with identified timescales. These incorporated business meetings and related material as well as project planning for the new corporate Active Citizenship Working Group. Key projects for improving CEC provision for volunteering and co-ordinating corporate developments on governance related to Council funding to third parties. Graeme has recently left iGIVE as he takes up a secondment to Scottish Government. He will be greatly missed by the other panel members for his enthusiasm, skill and knowledge.

Tim Montgomery, NHS Lothian

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Tim is general manager of the Royal Edinburgh Hospital, Edinburgh's psychiatric hospital providing inpatient facilities for acute adult mental health, psychiatric rehabilitation, older people, children and adolescents and forensic patients. In addition to inpatient services, the Royal Edinburgh also offers community and outpatient's provision for post traumatic stress, eating disorders, psychology and psychotherapy. Volunteering offers many opportunities for the hospital staff, patients and visitors and is an important part of their care programme in supporting recovery from mental illness as well as promoting citizenship and community involvement.

Tim chairs iGIVE (the Volunteering Strategy Implementation Group) and has been responsible for the establishment of a volunteering hub at the hospital which is run by the Volunteer Centre Edinburgh, complementary to the hospital's own Volunteer Services Manager. The range of volunteering opportunities has been extended and staff are able to identify opportunities for patients and encourage volunteering as one part of their recovery journey. Linking with the City's employability strategy, volunteering supports the development of skills and confidence.

James Tindell, Scottish Business in the Community (SBC)

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James is educated in Business and IT, and has worked in the voluntary, public and private sector; Higher education, teaching abroad, British Airways, HBOS and SBC. He has always been an active volunteer and currently is a trustee for an Edinburgh based children's charity.

James is the manager for SBC's corporate volunteering brokerage program Cares;- this covers a range of different activities from 1 day team based volunteering events, numeracy and literacy support in primary schools to employability work in secondary schools and business skill sharing and mentoring programs. SBC run and develop other programs and activities that have a volunteering element, some of which are funded and run for a specific period of time, others are tools and frameworks which are promoted to member companies. Examples include Glasgow's Closing the Gap programme, Ready for Work, Scotland Got Talent, Healthy working Lives, North Edinburgh Regeneration, Number Partners, SME engagement. SBC also run an annual awards programme to recognise best practice in the private sector and facilitate knowledge sharing.