

Future Woodlands Scotland

Future Woodlands Scotland Trustee Biographies (alphabetical)

Andrew Fairbairn

Andrew was one of the founding Trustees of the charity, representing the Woodland Trust Scotland where he worked until January 2015. He retained a close connection to Future Woodlands Scotland and was delighted to be co-opted back onto the Board of Trustees in March 2019. He now runs a small business testing new domestic and commercial buildings for energy efficiency and enjoys cycling and the great outdoors.

Giles Mackey

Giles is the HSE Manager for BP Exploration covering offshore operations in the North Sea. He joined BP in 1998 and has held a number of HSE positions in the UK and North Africa. Giles has played a leading role in the development of BP's global Carbon Strategy, recently leading the development of a global methane emissions reductions plan and research into methane detection and quantification techniques. He holds degrees in Occupational Health & Safety; Zoology; and Environmental Management and he is chartered with the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (CIEMA). Giles is married with two children and is passionate about cycling and the outdoors.

Lynne Staples-Scott

Lynne graduated with a politics degree from Teesside Polytechnic in 1985 and has over 30 years' experience in a variety of external affairs roles in both the public and private sector in Scotland. Lynne moved to Scotland in 1992 when she joined Moray District Council, she then moved to the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority in 1997 and BP in 2000. She was closely involved with the Scottish Forest Alliance for many years and continued as the BP representative on the Future Woodlands Scotland SCIO until she left the company in 2016. Lynne is now an independent member of the SCIO and runs a small stained glass business in Aberdeenshire.

Sarah Nicholas

Sarah works for Forestry and Land Scotland, a founding member of Future Woodlands Scotland. Sarah has a MSc in Environment and Development and spent 7 years working in corporate sustainability communications before moving into policy, working in the Agri-Food Directorate of Defra. Sarah is now the Carbon Projects Manager for Forestry and Land Scotland, developing partnerships for woodland creation and peatland restoration across Scotland. Sarah lives in the north Highlands and enjoys long-distance walking and empty beaches, but can be mostly found entangled in DIY as she tries to renovate her old house into an eco-home.

Tim Hall (Chair)

Tim is a Chartered Forester with 25 years experience of working in forestry for predominantly environmental and social benefits. He has a particularly strong interest in urban forestry. As Head of Operations for The Woodland Trust Scotland he has an overview of all their properties in Scotland and a strong involvement in aspects of forestry policy work. He lives near Edinburgh with his wife and three children.