

The Judging Panel

Professor James C Curran MBE, Chair, Scottish Sustainable Development Forum



James trained in physics, afterwards specialising in meteorology research. His career in environmental protection involved technical work in oceanography and hydrology, and time spent in regulatory enforcement. He was head of science with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency and then head of environmental strategy. He left to build his own company which opened the UK's first high street environmental store, Entrading, in Glasgow. Best known for speaking out on climate change, James is chair of the Scottish Sustainable Development Forum, a director of Sniffer, chair of WWF's Scottish advisory council, and a member of the Government's Zero Waste Think Tank.

Samantha Barber, Chief Executive, Scottish Business in the Community



Samantha started her career working in the European Parliament in Brussels as a policy advisor for the ERA group on the Economics and Monetary Affairs Committee. In 1998 she took up the post of Director of Business for Scotland, and went on to join Scottish Business in the Community as Chief Executive in May 2000. She has a passionate belief in the power of Corporate Social Responsibility to bring about economic and social change for Scotland. Samantha is also a member of the ScottishPower Business Advisory Board and is a Non-Executive Director of Iberdrola.

Susan Ramsay, Assistant Director Corporate Affairs, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations



Susan has had a long interest in environmental issues and community action, right back to litter-picking with the Brownies, and studying Environmental Geoscience at the University of Edinburgh. Immediately prior to joining SCVO, Susan worked for the Sustainable Development Commission led by Jonathon Porrit. Susan has worked in the public, private and voluntary sectors, plus has spent many enjoyable years as a conservation volunteer with the National Trust for Scotland, helping to dig ditches, build footpaths and cut back rhododendrons.

Antonia Swinson, Chief Executive, Scottish Social Enterprise Coalition



Antonia Swinson joined SSEC in November 2005. She is an award-winning business journalist who has written for both UK & Scottish national newspapers, including the Sunday and Daily Express and a weekly business column in Scotland on Sunday. A long standing champion of social enterprise, she has also been involved at policy formation at senior level. Antonia is a former Chairman of the Society of Authors in Scotland and has written five books including 'Root of all Evil?' on business and ethics. She is an executive board member of the Centre for Theology & Public Issues at Edinburgh University.

Karen Titulaer, Head of Consumer Engagement, The Royal Bank of Scotland



Karen Titulaer is Head of Consumer Engagement for the Royal Bank of Scotland. In her role Karen works with external stakeholders to find solutions to issues facing society such as financial exclusion and financial hardship. Outside of work Karen is a keen conservationist with experience from volunteering around the world, and an interest in sustainable production and availability of nutritious food. Karen is a member of the Soil Association and PlantLife.

Colin McNeill, Head of Content, The Scotsman



Colin joined The Scotsman newspaper in February 2008 where he has a key role in setting its news agenda. Environmental coverage is an integral part of the content of The Scotsman. The Let's Go Green Together campaign, which encourages readers to sign up to ten green lifestyle pledges, has already attracted a response from thousands of people. Colin was previously assistant editor at The News in Portsmouth.

The Judging Criteria

The judges are looking for inspirational people living and working in Scotland, and will assess nominations by asking:

- What is/was the issue that the person was tackling?
- How do/did they go about championing sustainable development?
- What has changed as a result of the person's actions?
- Is there a lasting legacy?
- How could others learn from these efforts?

The judges' decision is final and reasons for decisions will not be published.