



SCLD appoints new Board Members

A number of new board appointments have been announced at the Scottish Commission for Learning Disability (SCLD.) The new trustees are:

- Ann Dougan, Director of [Cactus Consulting](#) and a former Board Member at [Quarriers](#)
- Marion Gillooly, Head of Strategic Development and Innovation at [Includem](#)
- Eddie McConnell, Director of Development at [Sense Scotland](#) and a former board member at [Indepen-dance](#)
- Iain Nisbet, Education Law Consultant at [Cairn Legal](#) and former chair of the [Scottish Government Advisory Group on Additional Support for Learning](#)
- Graeme Smith, former Editor of [The Herald](#)

The appointments were agreed at the AGM held on December 6th, where outgoing SCLD Chair Dr Morag Macdonald Simpson was succeeded by Richard Hamer. Dr Macdonald Simpson originally joined the board in 2013, and Hamer, a Director at [Animate Consulting](#), is an existing Trustee.

Chris Creegan, SCLD Chief Executive:

“I am delighted by the appointment of these new board members. The breadth of skills and experience they possess will be invaluable as we work to improve the quality of lives of people with learning disabilities in Scotland. The quality of the applications we received was hugely impressive, and underlines the important role that SCLD has in driving change.

“This progress would not have been possible without the leadership provided by Morag Macdonald Simpson and we are immensely grateful to her for her contribution. I am confident that our new board, with Richard Hamer as Chair, will continue to play a critical role as we enter the next phase of the delivery of Scotland’s 10 year learning disability strategy, *The keys to life*.”

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About SCLD

SCLD is an independent charitable organisation for the learning disability sector. We are ambitious for change - our vision is for a Scotland where people with learning disabilities are included and respected as equal citizens.

We are a strategic partner to our principal funders, the Scottish Government and work with them to support and evaluate interventions, deliver projects and drive improvement. SCLD collaborates with a wide range of stakeholders including commissioners, providers, researchers, advocates and people with learning disabilities and carers.

Established in 2001, we are able to use our experience of working with those who are delivering and experiencing change on the ground, to provide advice to policy makers to improve the lives of people with learning disabilities.

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