

Speaker Biographies – Annual Scottish Conference 2021

Brendan Callaghan was previously Head of Operational Delivery with Scottish Forestry, responsible for key government forestry and Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) programmes including the Climate Change Plan tree planting target and the £60m per annum Forestry Grant Scheme.

Brendan was also responsible for promoting sustainable forestry and land management through the regulation of forestry activities across Scotland. In this role he worked closely with the Scottish Government and European Union to develop, deliver and monitor the Scottish Rural Development Programme and helped to produce new legislation for the devolution of forestry powers and regulation of forestry. Brendan has a strong track record of working with environmental and industry stakeholders to develop and lead environmental initiatives, has led Scottish Forestry's stakeholder group since 2013 and was previously Chair of the Red Squirrels Northern England partnership. Prior to this Brendan held a range of senior roles within the Forestry Commission, including Area Director for South West England and Conservator for North East England. He has a degree in Ecological Science from Edinburgh University and is a member of the Institute of Chartered Foresters.

David Dickson is the principal legal officer of the Scottish Sentencing Council. After obtaining a LLB (Hons) from the University of Glasgow, he was admitted as a solicitor in 1991. He trained and worked as a criminal defence solicitor, and after that worked for the Law Society of Scotland, then for COPFS as a procurator fiscal depute, followed by a position in the Criminal Procedure Division of the Scottish Government. He is a member of the Scottish Solicitors Discipline Tribunal.

Anne Johnstone is an experienced environmental and sustainability consultant and a past Chair of UKELA. She established her own business, Fair Futures Partnership, in July 2020 having previously held senior management positions at global environmental and real estate consultancies. For the past year she has been working on After the Pandemic @ COP and has been fully devoted to the project since April. [ATP @ COP](#) is a bold, grass-roots initiative to activate a 4,000 sq m area of vacant and derelict land on the River Clyde as the creative, cultural and community hub for Glasgow during COP26.

Jamie McGeachy is the Carbon Reduction, Energy & Industry Manager at SEPA. He has been with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) since 2006. Jamie leads a team in SEPA responsible for the UK Emissions Trading Scheme (UK ETS), the Energy Savings Obligations Scheme (ESOS), implementation of the Pollution Prevention and Control regulations and the enforcement of Fluorinated Gases and Ozone Depleting Substances. He was previously involved with the transposition of the Industrial Emissions Directive in Scotland and has worked extensively with organisations in Europe and Internationally including the OECD and IMPEL.

Eloise Scotford is Professor of Environmental Law in the Faculty of Laws and Centre for Law and Environment, University College London. Professor Scotford is a leading scholar on the legal treatment of environmental principles, air quality law, climate change governance, waste law, and legislative and adjudicative processes as they relate to the environment. She has given oral evidence to recent parliamentary inquiries on the UK/English Environment Bill and Air Quality. She is an Associate Member of Landmark Chambers, and co-chair of UKELA's Governance and Devolution Group (along with Prof Colin Reid).

Charlotte Simpson is a Student Advisor with UKELA after being a student member for several years. She completed an undergraduate degree in Marine Biology with Biodiversity and Conservation followed by the GDL at The University of Law. She is currently studying the LPC with the ambition of practicing in environmental law.

Ondine Tennant: As Secretary to the Scottish Sentencing Council, Ondine heads up the Council's staffing team. She previously had responsibility for establishing the Scottish Civil Justice Council. In prior roles with the Scottish Government, Ondine has worked on major programmes to reform both the civil and criminal justice systems and on healthcare improvement. She gained a LLB (Hons) in Law and Politics from the University of Edinburgh in 2007, which involved a year's study at the University of New South Wales in Sydney.

Stephen Weatherill is the Jacques Delors Professor of European Law in the University of Oxford and a Fellow of Somerville College.

William Wilson is a barrister and environmental lawyer working with Wyeside Consulting Ltd, a member of the UKELA Wales Working Party and author of *Making Environmental Laws Work - Law and Policy in the UK and USA*. He has also set up the website, blog and events at **COP26 and beyond**, which aims to provide new ideas and resources to young climate activists. This now has followers in 140 countries, and is due to present 3 events at the Milan All4Climate youth summit (UKELA members most welcome). **COP26 and beyond** helped work on the youth-led MOCK COP climate treaty, and has just finished work supporting a short film for COP26 on *Using the Law to Fix Climate Change*.