

ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

Accreditation Committee Members

Accreditation Committee Convenor

Carole Wilkinson

Carole is a social worker by profession and spent over 30 years working in the public sector in England and in Scotland. Her career has included social work practice, managing a range of social services, teaching social workers and social care staff in higher education and most recently overseeing the establishment of the Scottish Social Services Council the body that regulates social service workers and their education and training. She has contributed to the development of workforce strategies for the care sector at the request of Scottish Government, participated in the Social Work Review set up by Scottish Ministers and undertook lead roles in examining the workforce needs of staff in older people's services and residential child care. She has a particular commitment to the development of front line staff and ensuring the qualifications for this group of staff are flexible and equip them to do their jobs in challenging times.

Committee Members

Martin Hunter

Martin represents the Federation of Small Businesses on the Accreditation Committee. Martin retired from a management position at BT in December 2000, after 26 years with the company. He is currently the owner of MH Training and recruitment and CEO of HH Contact Services Ltd, contact centre in Prestwick.

Martin is involved with a number of committees: he is as a member of the FSB Scottish Policy Committee, Chairman of FSB Ayrshire, Vice Chairman of West of Scotland Regional FSB Committee, member of the Ayrshire Tourism Partnership and also of the Ayrshire Economic Forum.

Valerie Mann

Val originally joined Bank of Scotland, in the Mortgage Department in 1983. After a move to England for a short period, Val returned to Edinburgh in 1989 to begin a career as a Scottish Law Accountant working in a series of large Edinburgh law firms. This was followed by a move to the Legal Office of the NHS in Scotland to run the Law Accountants and IT department in 1993.

Val joined the HBOS Group as the Resource Manager for Intelligent Finance, IT Department in 2001 - she then joined Group Programmes in 2006. Val has been working closely with E-Skills UK, the Sector Skills Council for IT during her time in HBOS. Val piloted the Go4IT initiative which is designed to encourage young females into a career in IT.

Steve Brodie

Steve joined Rolls-Royce in 1989 as an Apprentice Engineer. Since then he has completed various positions within the company and is currently responsible for the delivery of Modern Apprenticeships at Rolls-Royce's new facility at Inchinnan, Renfrewshire. Steve is committed to self development. He has achieved National Certificates in Engineering, Higher National Certificates, a Diploma in Management and a BA in Human Resources. He is also a member of the Careers Scotland - College School Collaboration National Steering Group and the Scottish Committee for LifeLong Learning in Engineering.

Paul Campbell

Paul began his career as an apprentice in the water industry in 1993 where he worked in water industry operations sector for seven years before he moved on to become a technical skills trainer and SVQ Assessor in 2000. Paul then moved into Organisational Development (OD) in 2002 as an internal OD Consultant within Scottish Water and is now Scottish Water's Skills Development Manager.

Paul also represents the Scottish Water Industry on the Water Industry Skills Steering Group (WISSG) with responsibilities for identifying national skills priorities, projects and policy arrangements for the UK Water Industry.

Keith Quinn

Keith began his career as a Social Worker with Fife Regional Council and later moved on to a post in Social Work Staff Development where he was responsible for Practice Teaching and the development of the SVQ Assessment centre. In addition to Keith's full time job, he also trained and undertook SVQ external verification for the joint CCETSW/SQA Awarding Body. Keith then moved on to work in Higher Education

Bob McGonigle

Bob McGonigle is a Skills Development Manager with Microsoft. He has worked with that organisation since 1993, first forming the European Microsoft Windows Academic Centre which created the first web server for the windows platform. From 1998, he was responsible for introduction of training partnership programmes into Universities, Colleges and Schools in the UK and Eire. He began the ground breaking partnership with the SQA in 2003 that made Microsoft professional courses available to Scottish colleges and led to the creation of the SQA's DIVA initiative. He is currently working with Learndirect Scotland on their Industry Alliance for Jobs project.

Outside work, he is a keen archer and a Director of the UK governing body.

Karen Adams

Karen Adams is an Educational Projects Manager with NHS Education for Scotland (NES) and has worked in educational development for adults for more than 25 years. She began her career as a language teacher and teacher educator, working in the UK, Eastern Europe and North Africa, before moving into educational management and consultancy. Prior to joining NES in 2006, Karen was Head of Professional Development for MRS, the UK's professional body for market, social and opinion

researchers. During this time, she was responsible for establishing MRS's suite of professional qualifications for researchers, and developing the organisation's training portfolio. In her current role, Karen leads on the development of an Education Framework for Administrative & Support Services for NHS Scotland. She is also involved in NES's work to help embed the Scottish Credit & Qualifications Framework (SCQF) within learning for NHSScotland staff.

Janet Brown

Janet took up post as Chief Executive of SQA in 2007. Since then she has worked closely with the Executive Team and Board of Management to refocus the activities of SQA as it plays its part in ensuring that Scotland has a high quality, flexible, forward looking qualifications system able to adapt to the ever changing needs of its society and economy.

Prior to this, Janet was Managing Director of Industries at Scottish Enterprise. She joined Scottish Enterprise in January 2000 after 19 years working in the private sector in the United States. Janet has extensive experience in science research & technology as well as business management acquired in her previous positions with Motorola, SEMATECH and AT&T Bell Laboratories.

Born in Sheffield, Janet holds a BSc in Physics and a PhD in Physical Metallurgy & Materials Science, both awarded by the University of Birmingham. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and a Governor of the Glasgow School of Art.