

<b>Name</b>	<b>Mark McRitchie</b>
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Community Central Hall</b>
<b>Background (can include, work history, hobbies, family life, volunteering etc.)</b>	
<p>Mark is currently Chief Executive of Community Central Hall in North West Glasgow, a leading a long-established community-based social enterprise in operation for over 45 years with a wide variety of services and projects, including childcare, community transport, graphic design and digital printing, and a community cinema. Today over 80% of the CCH revenue comes from fees and services rising from 30% in 2005 when he joined as their first chief executive. Mark leads a staff team of over 60, with about the same in volunteers.</p> <p>Mark has also been a mentor to several enterprises as part of Mentoring Programmes and is a Fellow of the RSA. Mark has led CCH for over sixteen years, having worked previously as a qualified business adviser to social enterprises across Scotland. He is active in the social enterprise networks and is a board member of the Glasgow Social Enterprise Board for GSEN. He is a Board member of the Development Trust Association Scotland (DTAS) since 2008, being annually elected Vice-Chair over the past 8 years. The bulk of his 28 years in the sector has been supporting or operating community businesses or social enterprises.</p> <p>In a voluntary capacity he is also a Non-Executive Lay Trustee of the Student Association of University of the West of Scotland since 2016. He lives in a new build community and runs a successful community Facebook group he established which has over 1200 individual members. A classic car freak he yearns to own a camper van for weekend seaside escapes or a 70s or 80s car your dad may have had! He also potters about in the garden trying to grow things when not chasing two young children, as a dad of four.</p>	
<b>If elected how would you help ensure the board was effective and supported the network manager in their work?</b>	
<p>As an experienced leader and with expertise across the third sector in governance and management I would bring a perspective not only of good practice from a wide range of agencies, but also of local needs in the Woodside/Firhill/Kelvinbridge areas of Hillhead. I would also be able to share networks and links I have built over the years at CCH.</p>	

