

Name	Melanie Farrow
Organisation	Maryhill Burgh Halls Trust
Background (can include, work history, hobbies, family life, volunteering etc.)	
<p>With over 26 years post Business Honours degree with a postgraduate diploma in marketing, I have worked in everything from academia, to commercial theatres, contemporary art centres, large scale visitor attractions, music and nightclub venues to commercial banking. Working to a Board within the majority of these organisations, I certainly have experienced the good, the bad and the ugly, whilst at present I am attending Governance training from Museums and Galleries Scotland. This, so far has been an intense 3 days, but attending with some of my Board has helped this, as we take a deep dive into how we could do Governance 'better.' This has helped with my own understanding. It would be fantastic to make use of these skills in an understanding environment and one with such a great impact through the work it achieves.</p> <p>Outwith work, I have been wild swimming for just over a year and keep fit regularly (or as much as I can fit in!!) Until I had to retire my 15 year old dog recently, we did Canifit regularly and still go on adventure hikes and more sedate walks. Through the various organisations I have worked for, I have been lucky to continue my interests in culture, heritage and the arts (gigs, festivals, arts, dance, theatre, museums and galleries).</p> <p>With no kids or partner, the sassy 15 year old husky is essentially the stropky teenager of the house, who is also the office dog and unofficial halls mascot. Rescued 3 years ago, I now volunteer for 3 rescue charities, specifically for huskies.</p>	
If elected how would you help ensure the board was effective and supported the network manager in their work?	
<p>Having been actively involved in various aspects of the network for 5 years, but working in the North West Area for 10, have been given a huge amount of support, understanding and help from the team and the various members of the network. I would love to repay that support and help by utilising the skills and expertise I have accumulated over 26 years of working for a variety of business from arts charities, to academia, to commercial organisations. Passionate about the communities and the people, I would love to be given the</p>	

opportunity to harness this passion, to help and support NWGVSN in a variety of areas, including governance, development, sustainability and resilience.