



**Friends of
the Earth
Scotland**

BOARD NOMINATION FORM

Nomination for the Board of Friends of the Earth Scotland

Name of Candidate:
Stewart Kirkpatrick

Name of Proposer:
Mark Ballard

Name of Seconder:
Iain Black

I have read and, if elected, agree to abide by the FoES Code of Conduct. **YES**

Signature of candidate stating willingness to serve:
Stewart Kirkpatrick

Date: 13.5.2022

Short statement giving reasons for wishing to participate in FoES Board and skills and expertise that the candidate will bring:

I have long admired the work of Friends of the Earth Scotland, having been lucky enough to work with the team during the campaign for a fracking ban. I believe FoES has a vital role - and a window of opportunity - to ensure real action is taken to address the climate emergency. I would love to be part of helping that. I have excellent communication, leadership and campaigning skills, especially around mass and digital campaigning, and public affairs.

I edited the multi-award winning scotsman.com for seven years, and then started the Caledonian Mercury website, which led to me winning Multimedia Publisher of the Year in the Regional Press Awards. I then moved into campaigning as Head of Digital at Yes Scotland. The advisers to our opponents called it "probably the most successful social political campaign in Europe to date". I spent six years with digital campaign website 38 Degrees, as Head of Scotland, then Head of Campaigns. I led on our contribution to the fracking campaign here, a campaign to save the BBC involving 400,000 people and a push to get Amazon to pay fair taxes. Now I am Head of Impact at investigative journalism website openDemocracy, where I leverage the effectiveness of stories through mass campaign tactics, media relations and public affairs work.

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For two years, I have been a trustee of Kindred Scotland, a charity which supports families with children who have very complex special needs.



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