

**Friends of
the Earth
Scotland**

BOARD NOMINATION FORM

Nomination for the Board of Friends of the Earth Scotland

Name of Candidate: ___Robin Aitken_____

Name of Proposer: ___Duncan Wallace_____

Name of Seconder: ___Catherine Lyons_____

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

Signature of candidate stating willingness to serve:

Date: 20/5/24

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

My reasons for applying for this role are:

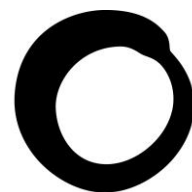
- I want to focus my life helping people build sustainable and healthy ways of living with the environment while developing flourishing communities that embrace the many and not the few.
- Like many people, I have become increasingly concerned about the Climate Crisis and feel that I need to become more actively involved in finding a better balance in how we live with our natural environment. This has led me to contact a number of organisations involved in exploring these changes, including the EarthPercent and Environmental Protection Scotland charities, to whom I have been giving some advice.
- Friends of the Earth Scotland have been looking for some help in managing finance and other areas that I maybe able to assist in delivering and developing their latest 3-year strategy.
- I am at a stage in life where I want to use the skills and experience that I have gained to help others to find clarity and build resilience in running their lives and their organisations through coaching, mentoring and guidance.



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My skills include:

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- Strategic financial management, helping to assess and develop the strength of finance functions for growing organisations.
 - Listening, coaching and mentoring. In lockdown I trained for an ICF accredited Certificate in Professional Coaching Skills. Since then I have been coaching charity leaders along with people running small businesses.
 - Board governance including as an associate NED for the Devon NHS Partnership Trust as well as serving on a number of other boards of directors.
 - Business planning that structures management's thinking about the future quantifying forecasts of possible income and expenditure that arise from their plans.
 - Assisting with investment and fund-raising. Most directly in various FD roles. In the charity space, I was a part-time Finance Director for the Philanthropy Company, a consultancy that helps charities develop their capability in raising funds from philanthropic giving. I was also one of the corporate representatives on the Devon NHS Partnership Trust charity board.
 - In the last year I have obtained the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England & Wales' certificates in Charity Trustee Training and in Sustainability.
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