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SIAA Members' Pack



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Members' Pack Contents



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Vision and Mission Board

Vision



A Scotland where independent advocacy is available to strengthen everyone's voices

Mission



Actively influence, support and maintain high quality independent advocacy which upholds people's human rights

Key stakeholders

- SIAA members
- Statutory sector
- Public sector
- Third sector & civil society
- The Public



Core work

- Promote
- Support
- Advocate

Strategic goals



Relationship building



Growing grassroots independent advocacy



Evidencing quality



Promoting independent advocacy



Safeguarding independence

Values

- Inclusion
- Equality of opportunity

 Find out more: <https://www.siaa.org.uk/about-us/>

SIAA's staff team and Board

SIAA's Board is responsible for the organisation's strategic direction and governance. The Board currently has eight members, who are elected annually from SIAA's membership. There are also several co-opted members that bring a range of expertise to the role.

Elected Board Members:

- Arlene Astley, Treasurer
- Heather MacMaster
- Neill Clark
- Leanne Murdoch
- Muleya Mundemba
- Polly Patrick
- Kyna Reeves
- Mary Sneddon
- Tracey McFall, Chair

Co-opted Board Members:

- Clare Gallagher, Vice-chair
- Jill Stavert

SIAA's staff team is responsible for the organisation's operations.

Admin Officer - Nicola Mcphail

Engagement and Quality Officer - Marta Wittek

Development Manager - Rhona Willder

Learning & Development Officer - Liisa Lehtinen

Chief Executive - Suzanne Swinton

Member support and resources

Information: SIAA has worked with SCVO to identify information on Good Governance, Human Resources and more for members. 'Members news' provides key updates on IA and human rights across Scotland.

Learning resources: SIAA provide free training to members on a variety of topics. We are currently working on developing e-learning modules. We also share external training resources on a regular basis. Member Resources section contains responses to consultations and policy briefings.

Support: SIAA has re-launched regular peer support sessions in 2024. They include a session for Advocacy Leaders and several groups dedicated to different areas of independent advocacy provision.

Networking: Member can attend trainings, events and roundtables to discuss the practice and challenges of providing independent advocacy.




Guidance: SIAA's Information Hub contains best practice guidance including the Principles, Standards and Code of Best Practice.

Member feedback on peer support sessions

"These sessions are great as they remind me that we are all in the same boat together. The feeling of being able to pause and reflect and being given permission for the space to do that has been a life saver for me."



SIAA's Work and Your Involvement



Send us feedback!

SIAA's work is largely shaped by our Members.

To get involved, you can:

- attend and vote at AGMs
- nominate prospective Board members
- provide feedback on SIAA's events
- provide up to date information about your organisation
- respond to surveys on evidencing impact, consultations
- respond to calls for evidence
- tell us about relevant training that is currently missing

Help us widen access to quality independent advocacy

SIAA lobbies the Scottish Government, Parliament, Commissioners other and key decision makers to widen access to independent advocacy. We do this by sharing the difference it makes in realising people's human rights and pointing out the gaps in independent advocacy provision. It is made possible by your help!

You can get involved by:

- Sharing your expertise at a roundtable
- Submitting a case study for us to use in our policy work
- Let us know about your successes and challenges in independent advocacy provision

More ways to get involved:

- Co-facilitate one of the peer support sessions
- Add the SIAA members logo to your website
- Become the SIAA liaison

 [Find out more: www.siaa.org.uk/member-home/get-involved/](http://www.siaa.org.uk/member-home/get-involved/)

Contact and enquiries



To keep up to date please sign up to members bulletins and login to members area of the website. Links and details below.



For general enquiries, please get in touch via email.

Email: enquiry@siaa.org.uk

Phone: 0131 510 9410

Events: events@siaa.org.uk

Sign up for our monthly newsletters!



[Members only bulletin sign up](#)



[Monthly general bulletin sign up](#)



Use your member organisation or group's unique login to sign up to events, browse news and access resources available onn the members only area of the SIAA website. SIAA can provide login details.

Members area: www.siaa.org.uk/member-home/

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