

2023 - 2024

# SIAA Members

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Scottish  
**Independent  
Advocacy**  
Alliance

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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 uphold people's human rights

### Key stakeholders

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



### Our core work

- Promote
- Support
- Advocate

### Values

- Inclusion
- Equality of opportunity

### Strategic goals



Relationship building



Growing grassroots independent advocacy



Evidencing quality



Promoting independent advocacy



Safeguarding independence

 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 nine 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
- Heather MacMaster
- Leanne Murdoch
- Muleya Mundemba
- Polly Patrick, Treasurer
- Kyna Reeves
- Mary Sneddon

- Iain Templeton

## **Co-opted Board Members:**

- Tracey McFall, Chair
- Clare Gallagher, Vice-chair
- Jill Stavert
- Neill Clark

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

### **Admin Officer - Nicola Mcphail**

Nicola coordinates everything that goes on behind the scenes at SIAA, including governance, finance and enquiries.

### **Development Officer - Daniela Rondina**

Daniela leads on our comms and digital work, manages events and training for members as well as supporting our policy output.

### **Development Manager - Rhona Wilder**

Rhona leads our policy work, which aims to develop access to and availability of independent advocacy across Scotland.

### **Chief Executive - Suzanne Swinton**

Suzanne heads up SIAA and works with the team and key stakeholders to deliver our strategic plan.


# 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.

**Training:** SIAA provide free training to members on a variety of topics including dementia and Adults with Incapacity, browse events here.

**Resources:** SIAA produced a social media kit making it easy to share information about IA, you can also our case studies database

**Support:** SIAA are relaunching peer supports in 2023, to include topics such as collective advocacy, learning disabilities and children and young people and continued peer support for managers.

**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."



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

# Get involved with SIAA's work

Send us feedback!

To create a strong independent advocacy sector we encourage members to be involved in SIAA's work, you can do this by:

- attending and voting at AGMs
- nominating prospective Board members
- providing feedback on the support and events SIAA provide
- providing up to date information for 'Find an Advocate'
- responding to surveys on evidencing impact
- supporting our policy work to widen access to, and resources for, independent advocacy.... more on this below!

Share your expertise at roundtables

## Help us widen access to independent advocacy

SIAA Scottish lobby government, parliament and key decision makers to widen access to independent advocacy but sharing the difference it makes and suggesting how provision can be improved. We can only do this with members' help. Get involved in creating change by

- Sharing your expertise at roundtable or evidence session
- Submitting a case study for us to use in our policy work
- Get in touch with news about local independent advocacy so we can share it nationally

Share local news

More ways to be involved:

- Respond to our membership spotlight survey
- Add the SIAA members logo to your website

Submit case studies

 [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](mailto:enquiry@siaa.org.uk)

**Phone:** 0131 510 9410

**Twitter:** @siaa\_voice

Sign up for twice monthly members-only updates and weekly bulletins that include policy updates and vacancies from members:

 [Members only bulletin sign up](#)

 [Weekly bulletin sign up](#)



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

**Members area:** [www.siaa.org.uk/member-home/](http://www.siaa.org.uk/member-home/)

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