



Suzanne Hermiston

Having worked in tertiary education for over a decade, in 2016, Suzanne achieved her ultimate goal of combining educational delivery with an environmental and conservation focus when she took on the role of Head of Discovery and Learning at the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland. Suzanne then moved to the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh in 2020, with the specific aim of refocusing on formal educational provision. When not working, you'll find Suzanne out with her family and miniature schnauzer (Byron) or somewhere near (or in) the water along her beloved East coast.



Liz Corke

Liz Corke is the Education Manager at The Ecology Centre in Kinghorn, Fife. She is a passionate environmentalist with 15 years' experience working in the third sector in outdoor and environmental education and climate change projects. Liz has a BSc in Outdoor Education, an MSc in Environmental Sustainability and is a level 3 Forest School Practitioner.



Erin Sommerville

Erin Sommerville, from Irvine graduated in 2019 with a first-class BA degree in Sports Development at UWS in Lanarkshire. She currently works for Scotland National Children's Charity known as "Children 1st" based within North Ayrshire. Her passion for community development and engagement was fuelled while at University and she now leads on all local community and family engagement by connecting with children and families around what they need from Children 1st. Previously, she worked for Sport Scotland and KA Leisure which contributes to her knowledge and understanding of the impact health and wellbeing can have on individuals.



Wendy Binnie

Wendy Binnie is a Woodland Wellbeing Officer who has worked for the charity Under the trees Outdoor learning since October 2020. She has been a trained Forest school leader since September 2019 and a lifelong advocate for spending time outdoors, exploring with family and friends. As a late diagnosed Autistic with ADHD she is very passionate about ensuring that everyone gets the best possible opportunities to be themselves and thrive both personally and professionally.



Susan Humble

Susan grew up in Girvan on the west coast of Scotland where her parents owned a shop, embarrassed her by dressing up and always cheated in family competitions. Watching little television and spending lots of time spent on the beach meant lots of play. Susan is grateful that play remains a big part of her life. Susan is the Programme Lead on East Lothian Play Association's Erasmus+ funded project working with schools in Scotland, Hungary, Slovakia and Poland. In this role, she supports schools to improve play opportunities and is contributing to research on the benefits of loose parts play. Susan has a background of working across play, education and the arts. After graduating from Edinburgh College of Art, she completed a Masters jointly with Glasgow University and Glasgow School of Art in Art, Design and Architecture in Education, awarded with Distinction. Susan enjoys creative projects which bring people together to find innovative solutions, particularly around inclusion and sustainability.



Vicky Fox

Vicky has been on her PEEK journey since 2001. She started as participant in the children's and then youth programmes. At the age of 15, Vicky began her Duke of Edinburgh Award and began volunteering with PEEK as part of her service. Since then, Vicky has completed a trainee play assistant apprenticeship and then moved on to become a Play Ranger with PEEK and then Children's Play Coordinator overseeing the Let's Play Programme in 32 communities across the East and North of Glasgow. As of 2022, Vicky takes on a new role of Programme Development Manager with a particular focus on the Play Programme. Vicky's educational background is in

Playwork, Youth Work and Community Development. Her passion is for play and child development.

Tony Stubbs



Tony began his PEEK journey in 2013 as a college placement student. In 2014, Tony joined the PEEK as a Sessional Worker and supported the delivery of Street Play sessions. In 2014, Tony took a sabbatical from PEEK and worked in a summer camp in New York. In 2015, Tony became a Play Ranger and in 2019 became our Playbourhood Coordinator. He now delivers play sessions in throughout 12 wards in Glasgow. Tony's educational

background is in Community Education and Community Learning and Development. Tony's passion is Play, Football, Travelling and Dancing and making people smile.

Erin Kennedy



Erin is a qualified childcare practitioner who has worked in childcare for 15 years and has a passion for outdoor learning. Erin holds the Level 3 Forest Schools Leader qualification and also recently undertook the Wild Things! Woodland Activity Leader Training course. She has vast experience in delivering a wide range of different learning experiences in both indoors and outdoors and leads the team at MAKI Pups, Mid Argyll's first outdoor nursery. Erin has a comprehensive knowledge of young children's learning and development and all the relevant national and localised documentation that supports this. Erin has worked with many children and families in the local area over the years and is extremely excited to be able to bring fully outdoor learning to Mid Argyll. Although fully aware of the ever-changing weather

in Mid Argyll, Erin strongly believes that, when dressed appropriately, any learning that can be done inside can most definitely be done outside.



Nicola Innes

Nicola is a mum of 3 young children who has been working with OutLET since April 2021, having volunteered with the organisation since 2018. Prior to this, she worked in volunteer management within the third sector as well as in global recruitment, after completing her MA in Sociology. Her experience as a parent and working with OutLET has made her passionate about the benefits of outdoor play and learning for all children and their families.



Vicki Shiels

Vicki works with Willow Den as the multi-site manager. Willow Den is a fully outdoor nursery group with sites in Edinburgh, Falkirk, and Stirling with more planned for the next few years. They are a new company and she joined in August 2022. Her background is early years with a special interest in supporting ASN families. Vicki has experience of working with local authority settings as well as in the PVI sector and has managed settings with 8 children to 130! She has always loved outdoor learning and in her previous role worked with Thrive Outdoors to set up an outdoor branch to the nursery she managed.

David Reid



David Reid is a youth worker, freelancer visual artist and carer working in Edinburgh. David graduated with BA (HONS) Fine Art from Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design, Dundee (2004), and M.Sc. Community Education, University of Edinburgh (2010). David's creative interests alongside a passion for working with people has led David to explore multiple roles; youth arts educator, outdoor play worker and community artist. David is currently Senior Play Ranger at North Edinburgh Arts.



Pauline McKenna

Pauline McKenna works for FARE Scotland as the Active Play Coordinator. she has worked with FARE for just over a year now and originally started as Family Liaison Officer based within a primary school in the East End of Glasgow supporting families and children who need support of all kinds. Pauline was a young parent at 18 and decided after many years of putting it off to attend college and then university to gain a degree in psychology as she always wanted to help people and now as an Active Play coordinator, she is able to share the benefits of physical activity and physical literacy and also see the change in children's mental health and well-being.



Sarah Scott

Sarah joined Inspiring Scotland's Thrive Outdoors team as a Fund Support Officer in 2021, after graduating from the University of Strathclyde with a BBA (hons) in Business Enterprise. Sarah has volunteered in the third sector for 10 years in a number of organisations, including Girl Guiding and Scottish Opera. Sarah's studies, combined with her voluntary experience have provided her with a keen interest in contributing towards social change in innovative ways, which compelled her to the Thrive Outdoors team.



Robert Kennedy

Robert Kennedy is one of the founders of Baltic Street Adventure Playground. Born and bred in the east end of Glasgow Robert is a champion for play in Scotland with the playground providing a vital play opportunity for local children and those farther afield. In an average year up to 21,000 children attend the Adventure playground. Since the pandemic the playground has also operated as a food hub, feeding the local community free of charge.

Donna Welsh

As the Head of Play Services at the Jeely Piece Club, Donna brings a wealth of experience to the organisation. Donna has worked at the Jeely Piece Club for 18

years and her passion for the organisation has only grown over those years. Donna started at the Jeely back in 2003 as a Sessional Play Development worker and her hard work has seen her progress through the roles of Play Development worker, Senior Play Development worker and now the Head of the Play Services in 2022 Donna understands that every child, parent, or guardian that uses the service deserves to be treated to the highest possible standard and with care and compassion. Donna is fully committed to the Jeely, Donna completed her SVQ Level 9 in 2022. She will continue to grow and develop through Play and training opportunities.