



REGISTER OF INTERESTS 2025

SRUC Board

SRUC Board Members

1. Dr Mia Aitchison – Union Member
2. Jamie Baker
3. David Bell
4. Simon Cunningham
5. Craig Davidson – Academic Staff Member
6. Prof. Sir Peter Downes
7. Jarlath Flynn – Staff Member
8. Julie Fortune – Union Member
9. Linda Hanna – SRUC Board Chair
10. Dr Katrina Hayter
11. Alex House
12. Kes Juskowiak
13. Margaret Khnichich
14. Fiona Larg
15. Oliver Mundell MSP
16. Andrew Peddie
17. Prof. Wayne Powell – Principal and Chief Executive
18. Dr Neil Robertson
19. Shaun Shirkie
20. Prof. Michael Smith

NAME: Dr Mia Aitchison

Declaration reconfirmed: 14 January 2025

Current Employment and any previous employment in which you continue to have a financial interest:

- Lecturer at SRUC

Appointments (voluntary or otherwise), e.g. trusteeships, directorships, local authority membership, tribunals etc.

- External examiner for Bishop Burton College (University of Hull)

Membership of any professional bodies, special interest groups or mutual support organisations.

- NIL

Investments in unlisted companies, partnerships and other forms of business, major shareholdings and beneficial interests.

- NIL

Gifts or hospitality offered to you by external bodies and whether this was declined or accepted in the last twelve months.

- NIL

Do you use the organisation's services?

- Research and consulting purposes of lecturing

Any contractual relationship with SRUC?

- As stated

Any other conflicts that are not covered by the above?

- NIL



NAME: Jamie Baker

Declaration declared: 22 May 2025

Current Employment and any previous employment in which you continue to have a financial interest:

- Economic Development Manager, East Lothian Council

Appointments (voluntary or otherwise), e.g. trusteeships, directorships, local authority membership, tribunals etc.

- Trustee, Scotland's Regeneration Forum

Membership of any professional bodies, special interest groups or mutual support organisations.

- Institute of Place Management, Fellow
- Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, Fellow
- Institute of Economic Development, Member

Investments in unlisted companies, partnerships and other forms of business, major shareholdings and beneficial interests.

- Partner, Woodriggs Farm

Gifts or hospitality offered to you by external bodies and whether this was declined or accepted in the last twelve months.

- NIL

Do you use the organisation's services?

- No

Any contractual relationship with SRUC?

- No

Any other conflicts that are not covered by the above?

- NIL

NAME: David Bell

Declaration reconfirmed: 17 December 2024

Current Employment and any previous employment in which you continue to have a financial interest:

- Fairfield Farms, Partner
- J.C. Bell, Director
- AHDB C&O, Non-executive Director

Appointments (voluntary or otherwise), e.g. trusteeships, directorships, local authority membership, tribunals etc.

- Non-executive Director SQC
- Council member of SAOS
- Combinable Crops NFUS
- Chair of the NRoSO Advisory Board

Membership of any professional bodies, special interest groups or mutual support organisations.

- NRoSO

Investments in unlisted companies, partnerships and other forms of business, major shareholdings and beneficial interests.

- NIL

Gifts or hospitality offered to you by external bodies and whether this was declined or accepted in the last twelve months.

- NIL

Do you use the organisation's services?

- Yes

Any contractual relationship with SRUC?

- Yes

Any other conflicts that are not covered by the above?

- NIL

NAME: Simon Cunningham

Declaration declared: 16 May 2025

Current Employment and any previous employment in which you continue to have a financial interest:

- Revenue Scotland – Non-Executive Director c 2-3 days per month c £9k pa
- Very occasional Board level workshop facilitation for various organisations

Appointments (voluntary or otherwise), e.g. trusteeships, directorships, local authority membership, tribunals etc.

- Abernethy Trust (and associated co's) – Board member, charity, voluntary role
- Free Church of Scotland, Chair Investment Committee, Chair Pension Scheme Trustees – charity, voluntary role
- Revenue Scotland Board member (as above)

Membership of any professional bodies, special interest groups or mutual support organisations.

- Member Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland (ICAS)
- Member Institute of Risk Management (IRM)
- Life member RSPB
- Member John Muir Trust
- Member Gullane Golf Club (past Captain)
- Member Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers (HCEG)

Investments in unlisted companies, partnerships and other forms of business, major shareholdings and beneficial interests.

- NIL

Gifts or hospitality offered to you by external bodies and whether this was declined or accepted in the last twelve months.

- NIL

Do you use the organisation's services?

- No

Any contractual relationship with SRUC?

- NIL

Any other conflicts that are not covered by the above?

- NIL



NAME: Craig Davidson

Declaration reconfirmed: 17 December 2024

Current Employment and any previous employment in which you continue to have a financial interest:

- Senior Lecturer at SRUC

Appointments (voluntary or otherwise), e.g. trusteeships, directorships, local authority membership, tribunals etc.

- Farm Safety Foundation
- Ray Watson Memorial Trust

Membership of any professional bodies, special interest groups or mutual support organisations.

- NIL

Investments in unlisted companies, partnerships and other forms of business, major shareholdings and beneficial interests.

- NIL

Gifts or hospitality offered to you by external bodies and whether this was declined or accepted in the last twelve months.

- NIL

Do you use the organisation's services?

- No

Any contractual relationship with SRUC?

- As stated

Any other conflicts that are not covered by the above?

- No

NAME: Prof. Sir Peter Downes

Declaration reconfirmed: 17 December 2024

Current Employment and any previous employment in which you continue to have a financial interest:

- NIL

Appointments (voluntary or otherwise), e.g. trusteeships, directorships, local authority membership, tribunals etc.

- Chair of the Board of Trustees, Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh

Membership of any professional bodies, special interest groups or mutual support organisations.

- The Royal Society of Biology
- The Royal Society of Edinburgh
- The Academy of Medical Sciences
- The Biochemical Society

Investments in unlisted companies, partnerships and other forms of business, major shareholdings and beneficial interests.

- NIL

Gifts or hospitality offered to you by external bodies and whether this was declined or accepted in the last twelve months.

- NIL

Do you use the organisation's services?

- No

Any contractual relationship with SRUC?

- No

Any other conflicts that are not covered by the above?

- NIL



NAME: Jarlath Flynn

Declaration reconfirmed: 17 December 2025

Current Employment and any previous employment in which you continue to have a financial interest:

- Employed at SRUC

Appointments (voluntary or otherwise), e.g. trusteeships, directorships, local authority membership, tribunals etc.

- NIL

Membership of any professional bodies, special interest groups or mutual support organisations.

- NIL

Investments in unlisted companies, partnerships and other forms of business, major shareholdings and beneficial interests.

- NIL

Gifts or hospitality offered to you by external bodies and whether this was declined or accepted in the last twelve months.

- NIL

Do you use the organisation's services?

- No

Any contractual relationship with SRUC?

- NIL

Any other conflicts that are not covered by the above?

- NIL

NAME: Julie Fortune

Declaration reconfirmed: 30 January 2025

Current Employment and any previous employment in which you continue to have a financial interest:

- NIL

Appointments (voluntary or otherwise), e.g. trusteeships, directorships, local authority membership, tribunals etc.

- NIL

Membership of any professional bodies, special interest groups or mutual support organisations.

- NIL

Investments in unlisted companies, partnerships and other forms of business, major shareholdings and beneficial interests.

- NIL

Gifts or hospitality offered to you by external bodies and whether this was declined or accepted in the last twelve months.

- NIL

Do you use the organisation's services?

- No

Any contractual relationship with SRUC?

- Employed by SRUC

Any other conflicts that are not covered by the above?

- NIL



NAME: Linda Hanna

Declaration reconfirmed: 13 January 2025

Current Employment and any previous employment in which you continue to have a financial interest:

- University of Glasgow – strategic advisor on economic development and innovation

Appointments (voluntary or otherwise), e.g. trusteeships, directorships, local authority membership, tribunals etc.

- University of Glasgow, Lay member and Vice Convenor of Estates Committee
- University of Glasgow Centre for Public Policy, Advisory Board Member
- Primary Engineer, Strategic Advisory Board
- Scottish Funding Council, Board Member, member of Research and Knowledge Exchange Committee and Chair of Remuneration and Nominations Committee

Membership of any professional bodies, special interest groups or mutual support organisations.

- NIL

Investments in unlisted companies, partnerships and other forms of business, major shareholdings and beneficial interests.

- NIL

Gifts or hospitality offered to you by external bodies and whether this was declined or accepted in the last twelve months.

- NIL

Do you use the organisation's services?

- No

Any contractual relationship with SRUC?

- NIL

Any other conflicts that are not covered by the above?

- NIL

NAME: Dr Katrina Hayter

Declaration reconfirmed: 13 January 2025

Current Employment and any previous employment in which you continue to have a financial interest:

- Global Head Sustainable Land Use & Supply Chain
- HSBC Holdings

Appointments (voluntary or otherwise), e.g. trusteeships, directorships, local authority membership, tribunals etc.

- NIL

Membership of any professional bodies, special interest groups or mutual support organisations.

- Fellow Royal Society of Biology

Investments in unlisted companies, partnerships and other forms of business, major shareholdings and beneficial interests.

- NIL

Gifts or hospitality offered to you by external bodies and whether this was declined or accepted in the last twelve months.

- NIL

Do you use the organisation's services?

- No

Any contractual relationship with SRUC?

- NIL

Any other conflicts that are not covered by the above?

- NIL



NAME: Alex House

Declaration declared: 29 July 2025

Current Employment and any previous employment in which you continue to have a financial interest:

- NIL

Appointments (voluntary or otherwise), e.g. trusteeships, directorships, local authority membership, tribunals etc.

- NIL

Membership of any professional bodies, special interest groups or mutual support organisations.

- NIL

Investments in unlisted companies, partnerships and other forms of business, major shareholdings and beneficial interests.

- NIL

Gifts or hospitality offered to you by external bodies and whether this was declined or accepted in the last twelve months.

- NIL

Do you use the organisation's services?

- NIL

Any contractual relationship with SRUC?

- NIL

Any other conflicts that are not covered by the above?

- NIL

NAME: Kes Juskowiak

Declaration declared: 12 May 2025

Current Employment and any previous employment in which you continue to have a financial interest:

- Scottish Water – Director of Transformation

Appointments (voluntary or otherwise), e.g. trusteeships, directorships, local authority membership, tribunals etc.

- WaterRegsUK – Non- Executive Director

Membership of any professional bodies, special interest groups or mutual support organisations.

- Institute of Water – Past President

Investments in unlisted companies, partnerships and other forms of business, major shareholdings and beneficial interests.

- NIL

Gifts or hospitality offered to you by external bodies and whether this was declined or accepted in the last twelve months.

- Minor hospitality of business meals which is covered by policies at Scottish Water and declared, these include:
 - CapGemini
 - ATOS
 - PA Consulting
 - SA Partners
 - RSE
 - EY
 - Outform consulting
 - Vision Consulting
 - AND Digital

Do you use the organisation's services?

- Occasional round of Golf at Elmwood

Any contractual relationship with SRUC?

- NIL

Any other conflicts that are not covered by the above?

- NIL

NAME: Margaret Khnichich

Declaration reconfirmed: 14 January 2025

Current Employment and any previous employment in which you continue to have a financial interest:

- Margaret Khnichich Ltd.

Appointments (voluntary or otherwise), e.g. trusteeships, directorships, local authority membership, tribunals etc.

- Director of Thinkfour Ltd. – subsidiary of the Glasgow Academics War Memorial Trust)
- Chair of Trustees of the University of Glasgow Trust

Membership of any professional bodies, special interest groups or mutual support organisations.

- Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland
- Chartered Institute of Taxation

Investments in unlisted companies, partnerships and other forms of business, major shareholdings and beneficial interests.

- Margaret Khnichich Ltd.

Gifts or hospitality offered to you by external bodies and whether this was declined or accepted in the last twelve months.

- NIL

Do you use the organisation's services?

- No

Any contractual relationship with SRUC?

- NIL

Any other conflicts that are not covered by the above?

- NIL

NAME: Fiona Larg

Declaration reconfirmed: 17 December 2024

Current Employment and any previous employment in which you continue to have a financial interest:

- NIL

Appointments (voluntary or otherwise), e.g. trusteeships, directorships, local authority membership, tribunals etc.

- Director of Cromarty Firth Port Authority
- Director of Kintail Trustees Ltd (Robertson Trust)
- Lay Council member of the Law Society of Scotland

Membership of any professional bodies, special interest groups or mutual support organisations.

- Member of Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland

Investments in unlisted companies, partnerships and other forms of business, major shareholdings and beneficial interests.

- NIL

Gifts or hospitality offered to you by external bodies and whether this was declined or accepted in the last twelve months.

- NIL

Do you use the organisation's services?

- No

Any contractual relationship with SRUC?

- NIL

Any other conflicts that are not covered by the above?

- NIL



NAME: Oliver Mundell MSP

Declaration declared: 09 May 2025

Current Employment and any previous employment in which you continue to have a financial interest:

- Member of the Scottish Parliament for Dumfriesshire (Not seeking re-election in May 2026)

Appointments (voluntary or otherwise), e.g. trusteeships, directorships, local authority membership, tribunals etc.

- Trustee, Lockerbie Trust (Funds now distributed and in process of winding up)

Membership of any professional bodies, special interest groups or mutual support organisations.

- NIL

Investments in unlisted companies, partnerships and other forms of business, major shareholdings and beneficial interests.

- NIL

Gifts or hospitality offered to you by external bodies and whether this was declined or accepted in the last twelve months.

- NIL

Do you use the organisation's services?

- No

Any contractual relationship with SRUC?

- NIL

Any other conflicts that are not covered by the above?

- NIL

NAME: Andrew Peddie

Declaration reconfirmed: 20 January 2025

Current Employment and any previous employment in which you continue to have a financial interest:

- Partner in Messrs A R Peddie
- Director Silverdyke Park Ltd

Appointments (voluntary or otherwise), e.g. trusteeships, directorships, local authority membership, tribunals etc.

- Board member of Tayforth Machinery Ring
- Board Member East Neuk Community Emergency Planning Team

Membership of any professional bodies, special interest groups or mutual support organisations.

- Associate of the Council for Awards of Royal Agricultural Societies

Investments in unlisted companies, partnerships and other forms of business, major shareholdings and beneficial interests.

- NIL

Gifts or hospitality offered to you by external bodies and whether this was declined or accepted in the last twelve months.

- NIL

Do you use the organisation's services?

- Customer of SAC Consulting

Any contractual relationship with SRUC?

- None

Any other conflicts that are not covered by the above?

- NIL



NAME: Prof. Wayne Powell

Declaration reconfirmed: 19 December 2024

Current Employment and any previous employment in which you continue to have a financial interest:

- SRUC
- Aberystwyth University (USS, Pension)

Appointments (voluntary or otherwise), e.g. trusteeships, directorships, local authority membership, tribunals etc.

- Member DEFRA, SAC
- Board member NatureScot
- Chair of Science and Impacts Advisory Board for the UK CGIAR centre
- Chair of Interface
- Sits on the research advisory board for the Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office

Membership of any professional bodies, special interest groups or mutual support organisations.

- South of Scotland Enterprise

Investments in unlisted companies, partnerships and other forms of business, major shareholdings and beneficial interests.

- NIL

Gifts or hospitality offered to you by external bodies and whether this was declined or accepted in the last twelve months.

- NIL

Do you use the organisation's services?

- No

Any contractual relationship with SRUC?

- Employed by SRUC

Any other potential conflicts that are not covered by the above?

- *Potential conflicts for Tina Barsby, spouse of Prof Wayne Powell:*
 - **Employed:**



- G Growers Ltd. (part-time)
- **Ownership:**
 - Director of Tina Barsby Ltd., Consultancy, from September 2021
- **Appointments:**
 - Trustee of the John Innes Foundation
 - Trustee Lawes Agricultural Trust
 - Stretham and Wilburton Community Land Trust
 - Farm Data Principles
 - Fenland SOIL
 - Chair of the Advisory Board for Future Biogas

NAME: Dr Neil Robertson

Declaration declared: 17 June 2025

Current Employment and any previous employment in which you continue to have a financial interest:

- Benchmark Animal Health Ltd – Share options retained after employment finished
- Novartis – Shareholder – shares retained after employment ceased

Appointments (voluntary or otherwise), e.g. trusteeships, directorships, local authority membership, tribunals etc.

- NIL

Membership of any professional bodies, special interest groups or mutual support organisations.

- Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

Investments in unlisted companies, partnerships and other forms of business, major shareholdings and beneficial interests.

- Mental Health Training Scotland Limited – SC643846– Director

Gifts or hospitality offered to you by external bodies and whether this was declined or accepted in the last twelve months.

- NIL

Do you use the organisation's services?

- Member of SRUC Elmwood Golf Club

Any contractual relationship with SRUC?

- NIL

Any other conflicts that are not covered by the above?

- NIL

NAME: Schaun Shirkie

Declaration declared: 30 July 2025

Current Employment and any previous employment in which you continue to have a financial interest:

- NIL

Appointments (voluntary or otherwise), e.g. trusteeships, directorships, local authority membership, tribunals etc.

- NIL

Membership of any professional bodies, special interest groups or mutual support organisations.

- NIL

Investments in unlisted companies, partnerships and other forms of business, major shareholdings and beneficial interests.

- NIL

Gifts or hospitality offered to you by external bodies and whether this was declined or accepted in the last twelve months.

- NIL

Do you use the organisation's services?

- NIL

Any contractual relationship with SRUC?

- NIL

Any other conflicts that are not covered by the above?

- NIL

NAME: Prof. Michael Smith

Declaration reconfirmed: 24 January 2025

Current Employment and any previous employment in which you continue to have a financial interest:

- NIL

Appointments (voluntary or otherwise), e.g. trusteeships, directorships, local authority membership, tribunals etc.

- Chair and Non-Executive Director, Medipex Ltd
- Chair and Non-Executive Director, Leeds Solutions Ltd

Membership of any professional bodies, special interest groups or mutual support organisations.

- Fellow of the Institute of Physics
- Fellow of the Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine
- Fellow of the British Institute of Radiology
- Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts
- Member of AESIS – Network for Advancing and Evaluating the Societal Impact of Science

Investments in unlisted companies, partnerships and other forms of business, major shareholdings and beneficial interests.

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Gifts or hospitality offered to you by external bodies and whether this was declined or accepted in the last twelve months.

- NIL

Do you use the organisation's services?

- No

Any contractual relationship with SRUC?

- NIL

Any other conflicts that are not covered by the above?

- NIL