

IICF International Advisory Board

Chair of the International Advisory Board



Kathleen Marshall

Kathleen Marshall is a child law consultant based in Scotland. From 1989 to 1994 she was Director of the Scottish Child Law Centre, and from 2004 to 2009, she served as Scotland's first Commissioner for Children and Young People. Since then, she has undertaken a variety of research, consultancy and voluntary projects on issues such as historic abuse, youth justice, and the guardianship of separated children seeking asylum.

She led an Inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation in Northern Ireland (2014) and reviewed the Children Law in the Channel Island of Guernsey (2015).

Members of International Advisory Board



Professor Sandy Cameron, CBE; Chair of CYCJ

Professor Sandy Cameron began his social work career in the early 1970s, following his graduation from the Universities of Strathclyde and Aberdeen. In 1987, he was appointed Director of Social Work in Borders region where he remained until he was appointed as Executive Director of Social Work Resources for South Lanarkshire Council in 1995. From there, he became Chair of the Parole Board for Scotland, a position he retired from in 2012.

Professor Cameron is a past president of ADSW (the Association of Directors of Social Work), with which he has been closely involved through some of the most challenging times for Scotland's social work sector

With a particular interest in the field of drugs misuse, Professor Cameron was Chair of the Lanarkshire Alcohol & Drugs Action Team and a past Chair of the Association of Drug Action Teams. He was a member of the Scottish Advisory Committee on the Misuse of Drugs, the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs and is currently a member of the National Advisory Body on Offender Management and the National Social Work Forum. He sits on the Lloyd TSB Foundation's Board of Trustees and is Chair of the Partnership Drugs Initiative Steering Group and a member of the Audit

He is also a Director of Care Visions, an independent sector provider of residential care for young people, Non-Executive Director of the State Hospitals Board for Scotland and Independent Chair of the Institute for Research and Innovation in Social Services (IRISS).



Catherine Dyer

Catherine Dyer is a lawyer and was the first woman appointed as Crown Agent for Scotland and Chief Executive of Scotland's sole public prosecution authority, COPFS. A founding member of Scotland's Justice Board she was also Diversity Champion for Scottish Government and Chair of the Public Sector Employers' Diversity Network (PSEDN) between 2010 and 2016.

Scottish Ministers appointed her Independent Chair of the Review of Child Protection Systems which reported in 2017.

She has significant experience in leadership, delivery of public services, and particular interest in strategic planning, diversity, equality and collaborative working. She was appointed CBE in 2015.



Leslie Evans

Leslie Evans was appointed as Permanent Secretary to the Scottish Government on 1 July 2015. In this role, Leslie is the principal policy adviser to the First Minister and Secretary to the Scottish Cabinet.

She is also the Principal Accountable Officer for the Scottish Government with personal responsibility for the propriety and regularity of Government finance and for economic, efficient and effective use of all related resources. Leslie is the senior Civil Servant in Scotland and leads more than 5,000 civil servants working for the Scottish Government, supporting development, implementation and communication of government policies, in accordance with the Civil Service Code.

Leslie joined the Scottish Government in September 2000, having spent 20 years working for local authorities in Scotland (City of Edinburgh Council and Stirling Council) and England (London Borough of Greenwich and Sheffield City Council). Her previous post within the Scottish Government was Director General Learning and Justice. Previous positions include Head of Local Government Constitution & Governance Division, Head of Public Service Reform Group, Head of Tourism, Culture and Sport, and Director of Culture, External Affairs and Tourism.



Professor Robbie Gilligan

Robbie Gilligan is Professor of Social Work and Social Policy at Trinity College Dublin. He is a member of the Board of the European Scientific Association for Residential and Family Care for Children and Adolescents, and a former President of Childwatch International Research Network.

He serves on the Editorial Boards of the journals: *Child Abuse and Neglect*, *Child and Family Social Work*, *Children and Society*, *Child Indicators Research* and *International Journal of Child and Family Welfare*.

He has published widely on children's issues, and especially on children and young people in public care. He has also been a social worker, youth worker, foster carer and board member of residential care centres for children and young people.



Professor Andrew Goudie, CB, FRSE

Professor Andrew Goudie is Special Adviser to the Principal and Vice Chancellor of the University of Strathclyde. He is also a Visiting Professor at the University. He was educated at Queens' College, University of Cambridge, UK (BA Econ., MA; PhD); and the Open University, UK (BA Maths and Stats). He was awarded an Hon. D.Litt. by the University of Strathclyde and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

Andrew's career has included a wide range of roles in national and international public service including Research Officer, University of Cambridge; Senior Economist at the World Bank, Washington; Principal Economist at the OECD Development Centre, Paris; Chief Economist at the Department for International Development, UK and most recently, Chief Economic Adviser and Director-General Economy in the Scottish Government.



Dr Rawan W Ibrahim - Jordan

Dr Rawan W. Ibrahim's specialisation is in alternative care settings. In collaboration with UNICEF and Columbia University, she led the project that supported the Jordanian Government in embarking on the deinstitutionalisation process through the development of the first regional foster care programme.

Her research interests include implementation science in alternative care settings, post-care support, especially for youths separated from families at birth, at-risk young women and unaccompanied minors.

She has been a member of the International Research Network on Transitions to Adulthood from Care since 2006. She is currently an Assistant Professor at the German Jordanian University, and continues to consult for UNICEF Jordan, as well as other local and international organisations.



Professor Alexis Jay, OBE; Chair of CELCIS

Professor Jay spent over 30 years in local government in deprived parts of Scotland, including as Director of Social Services and Housing. In 2005, she was invited by the Scottish Government to set up the first independent inspection body for social services in Scotland, and in 2011 she became the Scottish Government's first Chief Social Work Adviser. She retired from that post in 2013. She is Chair of the Life Changes Trust and the Centre for Excellence for Looked After Children in Scotland, based in Strathclyde University, where she is a Visiting Professor.

She is the author of the Independent Inquiry report into Child Sexual Exploitation in Rotherham, and is now Chair of the IICSA Independent Inquiry Into Child Sexual Abuse in England and Wales.

Alexis was awarded an OBE by the Queen in the 2012 Birthday Honours List, and an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Strathclyde in 2015.



Fouzi Mathey Kikadidi - France

Fouzi Mathey Kikadidi is a Public Policy Consultant for Cekoïa Conseil, a consultancy agency based in Paris and specialised in the social and public health sectors. She has been a peer researcher for the Université Paris Est Creteil for more than 7 years. She is a Children's Rights Trainer for SOS Children's Villages and has been helping Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children to engage with civil society and government in France. She holds a BA in Business Administration and is currently completing a Masters Degree in Educational Sciences. She is one of the founders of Générations d'Avenir - ADEPAPE 94, a peer-to-peer organisation helping care leavers.



Murilo Vieira Komniski - Brazil

Murilo Vieira Komniski is a Brazilian career Diplomat (Counselor), with experience in multilateral and bilateral affairs in the areas of human rights, international, trilateral and South-South cooperation, defense, public security, combat of transnational illicit activities, internet governance and ITC. He is currently advisor to the Director of the Brazilian Cooperation Agency of the Ministry of External Relations (ABC/MRE). Murilo played a key role in securing Brazil's steady leadership to ensure the UN General Assembly's adoption of the *UN Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children* in 2009.

He is member of Gacint - Analysis Group on International Affairs at the University of São Paulo (USP), the GR-RI - Reflection Group on International Relations (São Paulo), the CRC - Conflict Resolution Center (USP) and several "Think Do Tanks" on politics, international affairs and culture. He is also a poet, photographer, teacher and cultural activist.



Simon Peter Otieno - Kenya

Simon Peter Otieno is a Founding Member/Project Manager of Make Me Smile Kenya, which envisions a world where every child has the opportunity to achieve his/her potential, participate in, and contribute to all aspects of life. He manages a workforce of over 200 staff, with a direct beneficiary block of over 10,000 orphans and vulnerable children, adolescents and young mothers.

He is the President of the International Federation of Educative Communities (FICE) Kenya and a key member in the formation of the FICE Africa, and is part of the Executive Board of Management at St Alloys Mayenya Secondary School.

He has represented FICE-Kenya and Make Me Smile-Kenya in different high profile international conferences including South Africa, Zambia, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Spain and Kenya. During the 2016 FICE World Congress, and appointed as the panel Chair for Child and Youth Care Work in the African context. He also participated as a key informant in the development of Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) learning modules as an African representative.



Artūrs Pokšāns - Latvia

Artūrs Pokšāns from Riga is a teacher in the Department of Anthropology, at University of Latvia. His research interests include the social aspects of health with particular interest in how the gender relations and unequal power relations affect the access to healthcare in a global setting. Artūrs' experience with children's rights mainly comes from involvement with SOS Children's Villages Latvia on several projects as well as first hand experience of the State childcare system during childhood. Through his Master's thesis and aforementioned projects he has acquired broad experience on different aspects of youth participation in decision making and research.



Bettina Terp - Austria

Bettina has almost 25 years of experience in different fields of residential child and youth care. Working as a practitioner, in education and leadership positions, she takes a great interest in international exchange on best practise and quality in alternative care; she contributed to the European Out-of-Home Care Standards quality4children as National Co-ordinator for Austria and member of the Steering Group.

Since 2010, she has been Secretary General of FICE (International Federation of Educative Communities) and is the Head of a Social Pedagogic Region in Vienna, responsible for children's services.



Sir Roger Singleton, CBE

Roger Singleton has a background in education, children's services, risk assessment, mediation, policy and management. He is a former Chief Executive of Barnardo's where he expanded the organisation significantly and led its change from an association running children's homes to one principally supporting children in their own homes and communities.

Sir Roger chaired the Home Office's Independent Safeguarding Authority from 2007-12 and was the Westminster Government's Chief Adviser on the Safety of Children. He is currently a member of the Home Office Independent Family Returns Panel; Chair of the social care route of the Institute of Apprenticeship and an Independent Consultant on safeguarding to public, private and voluntary organisations.