

Ewan Aitken Curriculum Vitae

Education

1974 – 1980 Woodmill High School, Dunfermline,

1987 -1990 University of Edinburgh **BD Honours Systematic Theology and Old Testament**

1981 - 1985 University of Sussex **BA Honours in Social Anthropology**

Student Union Sabbatical Vice President (1982-1983)

Employment

1980 – 1981 Youth worker Ruchhill Youth Out Reach Project, Glasgow

1983 – 1985 Intermediate treatment group worker

1985 - 1987 Regional Secretary Student Christian Movement

Roles while undertaking Degree at the University of Edinburgh

- 1987- 90 I co funded a Columban community in Muirhouse, Edinburgh with 7 others. A Columban community commits to the Columban values of justice, peace and the living of a common life together.
- 1988- 90 Member of the Management Committee of Muirhouse Youth Club
- June – Sept 1990 – Festival fringe Box office,

1990 – 1991 Interim Pastor West Avenue Presbyterian Church, NY, USA

1991 – 1993 Assistant Minister, (ordained 1992) South Leith Parish Church

- Founded the Persevere Credit Union

1993 September – September 1995 World Travel

- 1993 October – March 1994 Interim minister, Church of Scotland, Tiberius. Israel/Palestine
- December 94 – February 95 Locum Minister, St Andrew's Gisborne, New Zealand

1995-2002 Parish Minister St Margaret's Edinburgh

1999 - 2012 Elected Councillor City of Edinburgh Council

- 2002 – 2008 Full time Councillor- details below

2008 – 2014 Head of Church and Society Department Church of Scotland Church

2014 – present CEO Cyrenians

Political appointments;

1999 -2001 Convenor, Social Justice scrutiny panel

2001- 2006 Executive Member for Children and Families

2003- 2006 CoSLA spokesperson for Education

- Convener, Scottish Negotiating Committee with Teachers
 - Convener, CoLSA Bill Team for Additional Support for Learning Bill

- Member, The Ministerial group on looked after children
- Member, Cabinet sub-committee on integrated children services
- Member, Religious Observance Implementation Group

2003 – 2005 Chair of Edinburgh and Lothian Refugee and Asylum Seekers Forum

2003 – 2006 Chair Youth Services Advisory Committee

2006 - 2007 Leader City of Edinburgh Council

2007- 2008 Leader Labour Group, City of Edinburgh Council

Other appointments

1995 - Present	Founder/Director	The Ripple project
2003 – 2006	Founding Director	Princes Street Easter Play
2004- 2015	Founder, Director and Chair	The Youth Bus Trust
2003 - 2016	Board member	Edinburgh International Science Festival
2007 - 2103	Trustee	John Watson Trust
2007 – 2010	A Founding Director	SOLAS Arts and Faith festival
2008 - 2014	Member Development Advisory Group Scotland,	Place2b
2008 - 2014	Chair	Eco Congregation Scotland
2008 - 2014	Honorary Research Fellow	University of Glasgow.
2010 – 2011	RME in Curriculum for Excellence Ministerial	Excellence Group
2012 – Present	Chair, National Prison visitor Centre	Steering Group
2012 - 2014	Member Education Scotland curriculum impact group	for RME/RO
2012 - Present	Chair (from 2014) Scottish Grants Committee,	Children in Need
2012 – Present	Chair	Scottish Labour Party Social Justice Sounding Board
2013 – Present	Advisor to Board of Circle	Scotland
2013 – Present	Member CoSLA Commission on Strengthening	Local Democracy