



## SCOTLAND OFFICE BEARER GROUP APPLICATION FORM

Please complete this form if you wish to be considered to become a member of the EAUC Scotland Office Bearer Group (OBG) and email to [slee@eauc.org.uk](mailto:slee@eauc.org.uk).

### 1. Your Details:

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2. Please tick which areas you feel you have expertise in, the areas in **BOLD** are ones we are particularly looking for:

Background			
HE	FE	Other Sector Provider	Out of Sector
	<b>x</b>		
<p><i>I started life as a hairdresser and completed an apprenticeship in the trade before returning to college to go on to complete an HNC during which time I was asked to teach at the college I had been attending.</i></p> <p><i>I also had 2 children by then and was secretary of the local Greenpeace group having found a new awareness of climate change and reasons to worry about the future of the planet since becoming a parent</i></p> <p><i>I attended college in Edinburgh whilst also teaching to achieve and HND in photography over the next 3 years.</i></p> <p><i>I was then involved in a 2 year secondment with JISC as a project officer to develop digital mind maps with Internet web links for the hair and beauty industry. This was followed by a further secondment to SFEU to develop a gateway site again for the hair and beauty industry and linked to 'Higher Still'.</i></p> <p><i>I completed TQFE through Strathclyde University and a Management in Tertiary Education Post Graduate Certificate at Stirling University.</i></p> <p><i>As part of several European projects I brought the first Green vented salon to the UK based on a model I had seen in Denmark and have been proactive in the industry in promoting sustainability across all my networks. The Fife College Green Vented Salon was awarded runner up in the best newcomer category of The Green Gown Awards.</i></p> <p><i>Currently working with Southampton University to present to Hair and Beauty students and staff in FE colleges across Scotland as requested.</i></p> <p><i>I also lead on the curriculum Sub group of the colleges Climate change and sustainably group where I have set up sustainability ambassadors and a face book</i></p>			

page to share information.

### Expertise

Campus	Community & Students	Teaching, Learning & Research	Sector Senior Management
x	x	x	x

- Currently work across all of Fife in 3 campus locations
- Work directly with students and as we run commercial salons and a gym, contact with the public and local community is regular
- I am part of the Heads of Department team of 8 responsible for the strategic development and performance of my Academy of Hair, Beauty Sport and fitness
- Past lecturer in Hairdressing and photography
- I lead 4 managers along with support staff for my Academy who then lead teams of a total of 70+ staff
- We are involved in various community projects around Hair Beauty and well being

### Skill

Strategic Leadership	Organisational Development	Financial Management	Curriculum Policy & Direction	Business & Enterprise	HR & Staff Developm't	Political Insight & Influence
x	x	x	x	x	x	x

*I have been in a management role for 10 years and also was a director running parallel to this in my own business employing 20 staff :*

*I am a member of*

- *The World Skills Ambassador Group*
- *The Scottish Hair Council*
- *Hold a budget for a large team in a merged college*
- *On the Physical Activity Group for Fife Council*
- *Have been involved with European projects such as Sustainability in the Creative's industries project with 4 other European partners*

**3. Briefly explain why you would like to become a member of the Scotland Office Bearer Group:**

I now feel the time is right to look at vocational areas of the wider curriculum and to share the message of what we are all trying to do with regard to creating sustainable practitioners to increase the circular economy across all area of HE and FE learning, at every level

I see new emerging consultancy job markets for my areas of curriculum if we help share and shape these, and feel that the message we give our students is a powerful one, they are the right people to share this message.

As monies become more scare as do the world's resources there are financial gains to be made in being sustainable and this slant on the message may help influence those who are more driven by monetary considerations to then become more interested in sustainably.

I am enthusiastic self driven and committed to the role

**4. In order to ensure Office Bearer Group members have the time and effort required for the position, we ask for your Line Manager's approval to illustrate the support from your organisation:**

Line Manager Name Hugh Logan

Line Manager Position: Principal

Line Manager Signature

Electronic is acceptable

Your Signature: 

Date:04/03/2016

**Notes**

If you would like more information and to talk to us before submitting your nomination please email Sarah Lee, Scotland Manager, at [slee@eauc.org.uk](mailto:slee@eauc.org.uk), 0131 474 0000.

All applications will be put to a Member Vote at the EAUC Scotland AGM Friday 11th March 2016.

**Please submit your application to [slee@eauc.org.uk](mailto:slee@eauc.org.uk) by  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March.**