

Committee Member Bios



Name: Lucy Sumner

Committee Position: Convenor

How long have you been on the Committee? Two years

Current Job: Development Contributions Officer, Perth and Kinross Council

LinkedIn Profile: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/lucy-sumner-mrtpi>

More about Lucy: Lucy graduated in 2014 from University of Dundee. She began her career in the private sector, located in North East Scotland Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City. Lucy was most recently with Aberdeen City Council before migrating south to Perth and joining Perth and Kinross Council shortly after. Lucy has been active with RTPI Grampian and the Scottish Young Planners' Network before joining her local Chapter and is now Convenor for East of Scotland. Lucy feels passionately about promoting Planning to young people and supporting school pupils and students to studying or exploring a career in the sector. Outside of her Planning role, Lucy is also a fitness instructor and loves being active, be it in the gym or in the great outdoors.



Name: Ritchie Gillies

Committee Position: Vice Convenor

How long have you been on the Committee? Six years

Current Job: Planning Officer, Stirling Council

LinkedIn Profile:

More about Ritchie: Ritchie is a Chartered Town Planner with 4 years' experience in local government. Ritchie graduated from the University of Dundee with a degree in Town and Regional Planning and began working in Fife Council as a graduate planner, then moving onto North Lanarkshire then Stirling Council. He has worked on a wide variety of application types, from householders to majors, mostly in development management, although he has some experience in enforcement too. Ritchie was also the Convenor for the RTPI East of Scotland Chapter in 2020.



Name: Hajnalka Biro

Committee Position: General member

How long have you been on the Committee? Three years

Current Job: Planning Officer, Perth & Kinross Council

LinkedIn Profile:

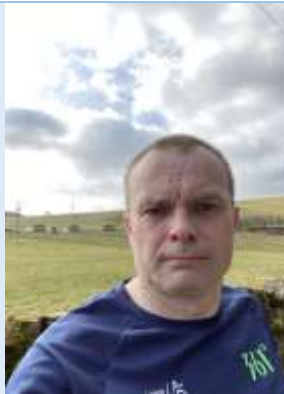
More about Hajnalka: Hajnalka has worked for 4 years in local government as a Chartered Town Planner. She graduated from the University of Dundee in 2017 and has since worked within the Local Development Plan team of Perth & Kinross Council. Hajnalka has worked on a variety of strategies and projects in relation to green infrastructure, food growing and water management. Hajnalka is currently studying for her Masters in Urban Design at Strathclyde University, and is expected to graduate in 2022.

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Name: Colin Bradley
Committee Position: General member
How long have you been on the Committee? Five years
Current Job: Planning Officer, Development Management, North Lanarkshire Council
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More about Colin: Having gained an M.A.(Hons) in Town & Regional Planning from the University of Dundee, (2014 - 2017), Colin feels privileged to have begun his career with The Highland Council, based out of Portree on the beautiful Isle of Skye prior to a move to the Cairngorms National Park in Granttown-On-Spey. Colin has since swapped Carrbridge for Coatbridge and is currently working for North Lanarkshire Council where he has been for the last two and a half years. When not planning, Colin enjoys a wide range of outdoor pursuits.



Name: Martin Mackay
Committee Position: General member
How long have you been on the Committee? Two years
Current Job: Planning Assistant DM - Fife Council

More About Martin: Martin would say he is a late entrant to Planning, starting his career at Birmingham City Council in 2003 as a Planning Support Officer. Martin found he enjoyed the discipline and attended Birmingham City University on day release for 2004 to 2011, finishing with a MA in Spatial Planning. In 2014 Martin moved to Senior Planning Officer (dealing with a wide range of non-domestic applications and gaining his initial experience in planning). In 2017, he moved to Fife starting in the Gateway team and progressing to the Development Management Team where he now deals with a wide range of applications. Martin is married with two young children and loves travelling. He is a keen runner having taken part in seven full marathons both in the UK and abroad and a variety of other shorter distances from half marathon down to 5k runs.

Name: Claire Myles
Committee Position: General member
How long have you been on the Committee? Re-joined committee in 2021.
Current Job: Planning Officer, Development Management, Dundee City Council

More about Claire: Claire graduated from the University of Dundee in 2012 with MA (Hons) Town and Regional Planning. Claire then joined Dundee City Council as a graduate planner in 2012. She has previously worked with Scottish Natural Heritage and its predecessor body Countryside Commission for Scotland in a number of administrative posts before embarking on full time studies at University of Dundee.

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Name: Robert Patrick
Committee Position: General member
How long have you been on the Committee? Five years.
Current Job: Senior Land Manger, Persimmon Homes North Scotland.
Linkedin Profile: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/robert-patrick-21598229/>

More about Robert: Robert is a Chartered Town Planner and has worked at Persimmon Homes for five years, having previously worked in both local authority and planning consultancy roles, as well as a spell with Planning Aid Scotland. Robert graduated from University of Glasgow in 2009 with an MSc in City Planning and Real Estate, having previously completed an undergraduate degree in Scottish History at University of St. Andrews. Robert is a former Convenor of the RTPI East of Scotland chapter and has been involved in the committee since 2016.



Name: Bryan Reid
Committee Position: General member
How long have you been on the Committee? Two years.
Current Job: Planner, Fife Council.
Linkedin Profile: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/bryanreid1995/>

More about Bryan: Following a year out working for Fife Council as a Trainee Planning Assistant between studies, Bryan returned to Fife Council upon graduation from the University of Dundee in 2018. Working in the Development Management team, initially in a Graduate Planner role, Bryan moved on to become a Chartered Member of the RTPI in 2019. Bryan has since moved on to the Major Business and Customer Service team, managing a varied caseload of major and priority business applications, including housing, leisure, tourism and renewables developments.



Name: Dante Sosa
Committee Position: Student Representative for 2021
How long have you been on the Committee? This is my first year
Current Job: Postgraduate Student, University of Dundee
Linkedin Profile:

More about Dante: Having completed a BSc in Environmental Resource Management through Scotland's Rural College (SRUC), Dante now studies the RTPI accredited MSc Spatial Planning programme at the University of Dundee. For this postgraduate study he received the RTPI's Future Planner's Bursary (2020). As a member of the 2050 Climate Group Dante has been involved with a number of community climate action projects and is currently working as a volunteer on a community solar project with Linlithgow Community Development Trust.