

COP26

# A Catalyst for Change

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ENSURING A  
LEGACY THAT DRIVES  
SCOTLAND TOWARDS A  
SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

 **PROGRAMME**

Thursday, September 16, 2021. 9am -11am

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# Welcome

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A very warm welcome to this 'COP26: A catalyst for change' virtual event. We are delighted to be continuing our partnership with The Herald to deliver this event on such an important area. Sustainability is very much at the forefront of how we live, think and do business.

The pandemic has accelerated the sustainability journey with a green recovery in play and opportunity for us all to hit the reset button and make changes to build back a better, more resilient world. COP26 is an enabler to for us all to take action and seize the opportunity presented by this global event.

Patrick Harvie MSP, co-leader of the Scottish Green Party, will be providing the keynote which will be followed by a panel session. Our expert panel of Karen Betts, CEO, Scotch Whisky Association, Anthony Burns,

Chief Operating Officer at ACS Clothing, Lindsay McQuade, Chief Executive Officer of Scottish Power Renewables and Willie Watt, Chair of Scottish National Investment Bank. I am looking forward to hearing from our speakers on what opportunities COP26 will bring to Glasgow, to Scotland, and what its legacy might be.

We have the potential to re-shape our world: to look at how we work differently, to look at how we travel differently, to look at different business models and to look at different energy sources. Our journey to a brighter and more sustainable future is an exciting one.

Thank you for joining today's event.

**Alan Nelson**, Glasgow Office Managing Partner, CMS Scotland

# Running order

**9.00am**

## Arrival and Networking

**9.15am**

## Welcome and Event Begins

**Rachel McTavish**, TV Broadcast Journalist

**Alan Nelson**, Glasgow Office Managing Partner, CMS Scotland

**9.20am**

## Keynote followed by Q&A

**Patrick Harvie MSP**, Co-leader, The Scottish Green Party

**9.45am**

## Panel Discussion followed by Q&A

**Karen Betts**, Chief Executive Officer, Scotch Whisky Association

**Anthony Burns**, Chief Operating Officer, ACS Clothing

**Lindsay McQuade**, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Power Renewables

**Willie Watt**, Chair, Scottish National Investment Bank

**10.30am**

## Closing Remarks

**Rachel McTavish**, TV Broadcast Journalist

**10.35am**

## Optional Networking

**11.00am**

## Platform Formally Closes





**RACHEL  
MCTAVISH**

TV Broadcast  
Journalist

## Host

With over 20,000 hours of live TV broadcasting under her belt, Rachel McTavish is one of the UK's most experienced broadcast journalists. In the last 20 years Rachel has worked for ITV, BBC, FIVE, GMTV, STV, ITV London and a host of corporate and foreign broadcasters. The result is that Rachel has a diverse range of

credits from being on air and leading the ITV Newschannel's coverage of the Twin Tower attacks on 11th September 2001 to presenting an Online car show. During lockdown Rachel and her husband built a TV studio in her garden with her husband from where she presented weekly 'McTavish Shedcasts'.



**ALAN  
NELSON**

Glasgow Office  
Managing Partner,  
CMS Scotland

## Welcome

Alan Nelson is the Managing Partner of CMS Glasgow and a very experienced IT and information lawyer.

He has advised a large number of public and private sector bodies on a variety of IT, outsourcing deals and significant commercial contracts. He has a particular expertise in the

financial services sector.

Over the last 20 years he has led teams advising clients on some of their most complex high value IT and outsourcing projects.

Alan is managing the COP26 activities for CMS Scotland and plays a key role in the firmwide climate change and sustainability approach.



## PATRICK HARVIE MSP

Co-leader,  
The Scottish  
Green Party

# Keynote

Patrick is co-leader of the Scottish Green Party, along with Lorna Slater, and has represented the Glasgow Region in the Scottish Parliament since 2003.

He has been involved in a very wide range of issues including asylum, sexual health, housing, fair work and LGBTQ+ rights. In response to climate change, he has campaigned extensively on improving public transport and active travel infrastructure and

has repeatedly advocated for radical measures to reduce CO2 emissions and end dependence on fossil fuels.

When he's not fighting for social and environmental justice, he will likely be consuming copious amounts of sci-fi and responsible amounts of craft beer. Glasgow residents are also likely to have seen him whizzing around the city on an aptly-coloured green bike.



## KAREN BETTS

Chief Executive Officer,  
Scotch Whisky  
Association

# Panel members

Karen Betts was appointed as CEO of the SWA in May 2017, after a 16-year career in the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO).

Karen held a variety of posts in London and overseas with the FCO. Most recently, she was British Ambassador to Morocco. She was also Counsellor to the British Embassy in Washington, and held roles at the UK's Permanent Representation to the EU in Brussels and the British Embassy in Baghdad. In London, she served in the Cabinet

Office and the Joint Intelligence Committee, as well as in a variety of roles in the Foreign Office.

Prior to joining the FCO, Karen worked as a lawyer for Clifford Chance in London and Hong Kong. She studied law at the College of Law in Guildford and history at St. Andrews University.

Karen is an Adviser to the UK Government's Board of Trade, the Chair of the CBI's International Trade and Investment Council, a member of the Scottish Government's Trade Board and a Trustee of Raleigh International.



## ANTHONY BURNS

Chief Operating Officer,  
ACS Clothing

# Panel members

Anthony Burns is the COO of ACS, an internationally recognised business, which empowers fashion retailers and brands to strategically embed, and easily embrace, circular business models. In his role, he sets the strategic priorities of the business and leads the company in growing all areas, including marketing, technology, product and analytics. In 3 short years, Burns' vision of creating a new economy for apparel is in full swing.

Under Burns' leadership, ACS has been transformed into a circular fashion enterprise with clothes rental offerings for woman, men, children and babies. The company has already achieved zero waste to landfill, carbon neutrality, and are working towards net zero emissions.

Anthony has expanded the company's expertise into garment refurbishment where they transform clothes normally deemed unusable by retailers, into clothes as good as new, which can be resold, and their lifespan significantly increased.

He is an Engineering Graduate with a Masters in Logistics and also an MBA from Strathclyde

University. He has established links with most of the leading Universities in Scotland delivering innovation in garment sanitisation, increasing worker activity in the workplace and embracing technologies such as 3d factory simulations. Anthony is a regular lecturer at universities and business schools nationwide. He is currently working with New College Lanarkshire to establish a Sustainable Fashion capability in Lanarkshire.

Under his leadership, ACS has received recognition as nominees and winners of renowned sustainability awards – including Vibes and Drapers.

Burns has focused the business on a social responsibility agenda, by becoming an accredited Living Wage provider, being a disability confident employer and signing the race at work charter. ACS has also been awarded for its employee health and well-being initiatives and is currently working towards B- Corp status.

Anthony Burns' mission is to improve the sustainability of the fashion industry, and be more socially accountable, while increasing ACS's turnover by 10-fold within 5-years.



## LINDSAY McQUADE

CEO  
ScottishPower  
Renewables

Lindsay is responsible for ScottishPower Renewables' fleet of over 2GW of renewable generation and future developments of its pipeline of wind, storage and solar plant across the UK and Ireland.

Prior to her appointment as CEO, Lindsay was the Policy & Innovation Director of ScottishPower Renewables, having held a number of strategic roles across ScottishPower over the last 20 years.

Lindsay is the Chair of SafetyOn, the health and safety organisation for the Onshore wind sector, working with industry colleagues to provide leadership in health and safety for the dynamic and innovative onshore

wind industry, ensuring that key emerging risks are mitigated through co-operation and shared learning

She's also a past board director of both Renewable UK and Scottish Renewables, helping to shape and inform the policy and regulatory environment for deployment and integration of cost-effective, low carbon, renewable generation, as well as promoting the industrial benefits delivered by investment in renewable energy generation across the UK.

In 2021, Lindsay was awarded with a Strathclyde Executive Leadership Award and was ranked in the top 20 of The 100 Top "Women in Wind".



## WILLIE WATT

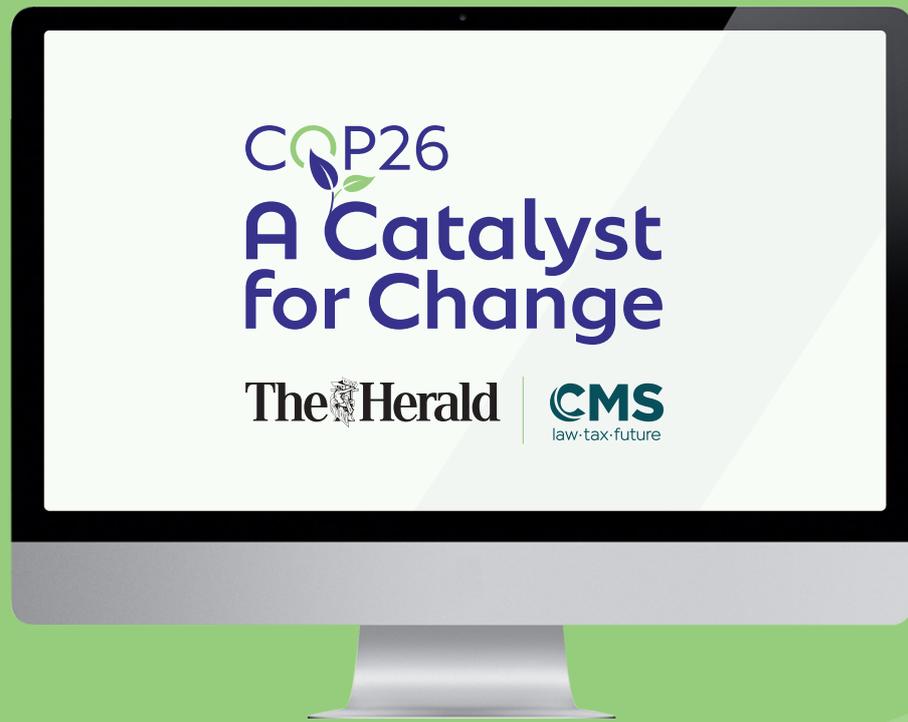
Chair,  
Scottish National  
Investment Bank

Willie retired in December 2019 from Martin Currie, an equities investment management firm, after 19 years as the company's Chief Executive and as Chairman of the Board. Previously Willie spent 16 years with the 3i Group, latterly as Managing Director responsible for the company's Scottish and Irish businesses and ran investment teams focusing on

venture capital, energy and mid-market buyouts.

Since 2016 he has been a member of the Advisory Board of Scottish Equity Partners, and Board and Audit Committee member of the National Galleries of Scotland.

He was educated at the University of Aberdeen.



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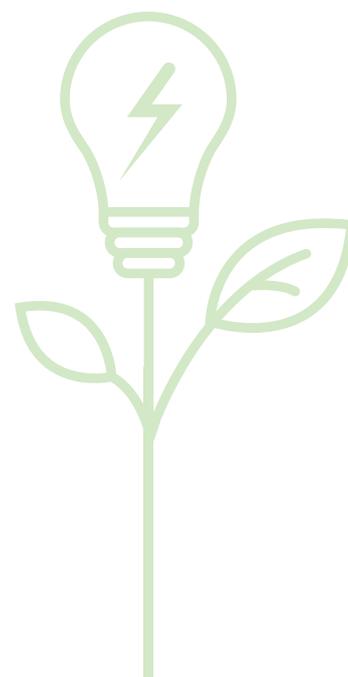
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“ Sustainability is central to our approach and ambition to have real, positive social impact in the communities where we operate.

**Alan Nelson**

Glasgow Office Managing Partner,  
CMS Scotland

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