



## **SCOTTISH CIVIC TRUST**

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## **The Scottish Civic Trust welcomes new Director**

The Scottish Civic Trust announced the appointment of Joe Traynor as its new Director, replacing Dr Susan O'Connor.

Joe studied at the Universities of Glasgow and Paisley before working in a number of heritage and culture roles for Creative Scotland, West Dunbartonshire Council and Historic Scotland. Most recently, Joe worked for Museums Galleries Scotland where he led on the development and delivery of Scotland's National Strategy for Museums.

Joe is currently a Doctoral Candidate at the University of Manchester with a research focus on the evolution of the heritage sector. He is also a Trustee of the Culture, Animal and Active Trusts at the People's Postcode Lottery, a Trustee of Glasgow City Heritage Trust and a Community Councillor for the Springboig and Barlanark areas of Glasgow.

### **Sue Evans, Chair of the Scottish Civic Trust, said:**

*"On behalf of the Trustees, I am delighted to welcome Joe to his new role as Director. Joe's understanding of the heritage sector, leadership skills and creativity will be crucial as we develop our new strategic plan. This will help us to work with stakeholders, funders and communities to deliver services and programmes going forward which ensure Scotland's heritage remains relevant, valued and safeguarded for future generations."*

### **Joe Traynor, new Scottish Civic Trust Director, said:**

*"I am honoured to be taking on the role of Director of the Scottish Civic Trust and am excited to be working with the talented staff and trustees to build on the Trust's current success for the benefit on Scotland's heritage and communities."*

Joe Traynor will be in post from 16 January 2023.

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### **Notes for editors:**

#### **About Scottish Civic Trust**

[Scottish Civic Trust](#)'s mission is to celebrate Scotland's built environment, take action for its improvement and empower its communities. The vision which drives this is thriving, beautiful and well cared for buildings and places, which help to support and sustain a high quality of life.

Founded in 1967, the Scottish Civic Trust exists to help people connect with their built heritage and take a leading role in guiding its development. In its infancy, it successfully campaigned for the restoration of Edinburgh's New Town and was instrumental in saving New Lanark – both now part of Scotland's network of six World Heritage Sites.

In addition to these major milestones, the Scottish Civic Trust initiated [Doors Open Days](#), now the largest free festival of architecture in the U.K. Doors Open Days celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019.

### **Further Information**

For further information, images and interviews please contact Erin Burke, Scottish Civic Trust Communications and Events Officer, at [Erin.Burke@scottishcivictrust.org.uk](mailto:Erin.Burke@scottishcivictrust.org.uk).

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