

Fiona Davis

BIOGRAPHY

A "retired" CFO who has lived through both a long period of successful business growth and the largest corporate failure ever. I learnt more from the latter.

As a qualified CA, I joined RBS early in my career and undertook a multitude of different roles within the finance function, including CFO for the UK Bank, the Retail bank, Wealth Management and Ulster Bank. As an authorised person under the Financial Conduct Authority regime I was very familiar with governance issues. Working in the risk business, I was heavily involved in risk management, particularly after 2008.

Subsequently I have undertaken a number of charity trusteeships in areas that align with my interests. These include: -

- the Scottish SPCA (2013-2021). Treasurer, Committee chair
- the Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society (2015-2023) Vice chair, Treasurer, committee chair, finalist in SCVO trustee of the year for work during the pandemic
- The Big Noise (2021 – to date) Treasurer, committee chair
- Treasurer of Restoring Upland Nature (2024 – to date)
- Treasurer of the Edinburgh Dog and Cat home (2024 – to date)

I was appointed as Trustee and Treasurer of the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland in May 2022. I chair the Finance and Risk Management Committee, and am a member of the Business Advisory Group and Animal Welfare Advisory Group. Appointed Vice Chair in 2025.

STATEMENT

I hope to bring to the RZSS Board

- A good understanding, after 4 years on the Board, of its strategy, financials and governance
- An independent, challenging but balanced mindset
- Senior commercial and financial expertise
- Experience of working in a regulated environment
- Knowledge of risk management and governance and their application in both commercial and charity environments
- A love of animals and a passion for their conservation