

The Steering Group of the Scottish National Congress

Who We Are and What We Do

The Steering Group of the Scottish National Congress is the interim 'executive' of the Scottish Liberation Movement, **Liberation Scotland**. It is responsible for policy, planning and directing:

the campaign to register Liberation Scotland as a recognised Liberation Movement with the UN and, through this and other international initiatives, assist in establishing international awareness and recognition of Scotland's true position as an annexed territory of England (colony)

the campaign to restore the rights of the Scottish People according to the constitutional settlement of the Union (limits and conditions of the Treaty and Acts of Union) through all peaceful and legal means at our disposal, including international diplomacy and the international courts

appropriate actions to uphold the constitutional sovereignty and protected rights of the Scottish People by challenging unlawful acts of the Westminster or Holyrood governments

the transition of the Scottish National Congress from a 'special interest' group in the service of Scotland's liberation, to that of a nationally representative organisation. At the earliest practicable moment, the Steering Group will oversee the creation of the full and permanent SNC and will hand over its powers and responsibilities to the membership of Liberation Scotland

National campaigns and actions proposed by the SNC Steering group are implemented by Salvo, the campaigning organisation for Liberation Scotland.

Scottish National Congress – Steering Committee Members



Alf Baird was formerly Professor of Maritime Business and Director of the Maritime Transport Research Group at Edinburgh Napier University. He also has a PhD in Strategic Management in Global Shipping.

His earlier career included working in the shipping industry running international liner shipping services from Scotland. His research activities include development of applied theoretical frameworks which explain complex issues and are used as an aid to industry and policy analysis, in strategic management and teaching.

He has developed the only applied theoretical framework which helps explain the phenomenon of Scottish independence, and which was published in his book 'Down-Hauden' The Socio-Political Determinants of Scottish Independence'.

Phil Boswell is a former MP who represented Coatbridge, Chryston and Bellshill. In Westminster, he served on the Public Accounts Committee. His work in the oil and gas industry has taken him to Hong Kong, Malaysia, Egypt USA Qatar and the Falklands. He now works as a specialist Oil & Gas Construction Contracts Manager, QS and Disputes Resolution expert.



A member of the SNP, Phil is an outspoken supporter of pursuing different strategies for gaining Scottish self-determination.



John Brown co-author of the popular wee pocket booklet Scotland & Independence, is a former civil servant. He spent his long career working in Scotland for DHSS /DWP, then latterly for the Cabinet Office, London.

As an administrator, inspector and office manager he worked in and visited most of Scotland's poorest and most deprived areas.

He has been an active supporter of independence since 2014 and is now not aligned to any political party. He is motivated by a desire to improve the lives of ordinary people through the achievement of independence. He is also a member of the Scottish Sovereignty Research Group.

Henry Ferguson Dual national Swiss-UK. Trained CA & ACMA in Glasgow (1960-1967) and worked 26 years with KPMG in Geneva & Paris. Main responsibilities were partner in charge (PIC) of the Geneva general audit practice and responsibility for Swiss services to Government, MGOs & NGOs. PIC on external audits of the EFTA Secretariat in Geneva and Brussels and the EFTA Court in Luxembourg. Member of the KPMG Switzerland Board.



After early retirement in 2000 held several Non-Executive Director appointments in French Switzerland, taught Governance at Lausanne University-IDHEAP (Institute for Advanced Studies in Public Administration) and was an independent financial consultant.

Prior to moving to Switzerland, lived and worked in Nassau & Miami (1967-1974), latterly as a member of his private airline employer's negotiating team leading to nationalization; thereafter appointed CFO of Bahamasair, the new national airline. Contributor of Swiss-related suggestions to the Smith Commission and former SNP member (2014- 2016)



Leah Gunn Barrett Leah is a dual national US-UK. She worked for several years in the US for Data Resources (DRI), and in London for The Economist Group and Tetra Pak UK.

She led gun control organisations in the states of Maryland and New York after her older brother was murdered in 1997. She holds a degree in economics from Carleton College and a Master's in International Affairs and Russian from Columbia University.

She is co-author with Andy Anderson of [The Collapse of the Pound Sterling](#). Leah lives in Edinburgh.

Iain Lawson (Chair) Creator of successful businesses in Scotland, Estonia and Cyprus. Former Executive Vice Convener of the SNP responsible for the Party's Administration and Fundraising. NEC Member 12 years and various Party Spokesman roles including Trade and Industry, Steel and Transport briefs.



Honorary Consul for the Republic of Estonia in Scotland from 2003 until 2018. Honorary President University of Paisley, now University of the West of Scotland.

One of the nine men who walked from Gartcosh to London in 1986 in defence of the Scottish Steel Industry. Now retired. Current chair of the Scottish National Congress Steering Group.



Lloyd Quinan Actor, director, broadcaster, activist and politician, Lloyd appeared in theatres throughout Scotland, as well as in dramas for BBC Scotland, Granada, STV and ITV. He was assistant director of the Scottish Theatre Company and founder of the independent company, United Artists (Scotland).

In 1994 he returned to STV as a weather presenter and in 1995 he succeeded Bernard Ponsonby as the presenter of Trial By Night, a late night debate show. From 1998-99 Quinan worked for Channel 4 News, UTV and RTE as a presenter/director.

In 1999 he was elected to represent the West of Scotland as an SNP candidate at the first Scottish Parliament election. While an MSP, he served as the SNP's Deputy spokesperson for Social Inclusion 1999-2000, a member of the European Committee and the Audit Committee. He also served as Convener of the Cross Party Group on Autism in the Scottish Parliament, Vice-Convener of the Cross Party Group on Contemporary Music and was a member of the Cross Party Groups on Palestine and Cuba. An active anti-nuclear campaigner, Lloyd was twice arrested for breach of the peace during blockades of the Faslane Nuclear Submarine base during his time as an MSP



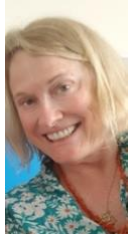
Sara Salyers Professionally retired, television presenter, producer, writer, investigative journalist (award winning), (1987 – 2002); college teacher (award winning), and educational researcher 2009 – 2015) . Founder member of Salvo. Currently writer, speaker and activist.

Alex Thorburn Civil Service in London: Correspondence Sec. for Cabinet Minister; and then Parliamentary Branch of DHSS. Trawlerman for 20+ years, career ended by a stroke in 1993. Helped establish several Disabled People's Organisations (DPOs).

Qualified Disability Equality Trainer, Independent Living Advocate (University of Essex – 2004). Certified Access Auditor (2001). One of 3 members from Scotland on the advisory group for disability-related matters to UK government.



Member of Scotland's National Action Plan (SNAP) for Human Rights since 2014 and now the Leadership Panel of the second SNAP cycle until 2030. Member of the Scottish Human Rights Commission's Lived Experience Leadership Group and the Scottish Government's Human Rights Lived Experience Board.



Marjorie Thompson worked on Capitol Hill as a congressional staffer, as an educational administrator at Holy Loch, at Westminster as a lobbyist for CND and the Royal College of Nursing, and as researcher for Ann Clwyd MP. She was vice chair, then chair of British CND, Director of Communications for the Commission for Racial Equality and Director of Saatchi & Saatchi Cause Connection.

As a freelance consultant she has advised over 50 charities and mentored award winning grassroots campaigners. She has co-written two books: Brand Spirit (, Amazon business book of the year translated into 7 languages) & The New Brand Spirit (on communicating sustainability in marketing), with Christian Conrad.

Peter Young Part of the Scottish European diaspora, Peter Young has lived and worked in Scandinavia for several decades. He moved to Denmark after completing a BA, and taught for 10 years in Copenhagen. Since 1994, Peter has edited and published The School Times International, a monthly educational, news based magazine he established as a teaching innovation. It is used in schools and in adult teaching across the Nordic region.



In expectation of a pre-Brexit referendum in Scotland, he set up the @indyscotnews Twitter feed in 2016. The moderated Twitter feed, auto-generates links to the latest content, from about 50 serious pro-indy sites, into one news stream.

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