

Environmental Rights Centre for Scotland AGM 2025:

Election / re-election of trustees

Register of Trustees

The role of trustees is to provide effective governance for ERCS and be responsible for ensuring that the charity works to achieve its charitable purposes.

[The Constitution v3](#) (clause 54, see Appendix) states that the ERCS Board should comprise of up to 12 trustees: no more than 8 can be elected from the membership at an AGM and no more than 2 can be nominated by Scottish Environment LINK, leaving a further 2 for co-option.

Scottish Environment LINK's nominated trustees

Aedán Smith and Deborah Long hold the two nominated LINK places.

Co-option of trustees

The 2 places reserved for co-option are currently vacant. The trustees are keen to identify potential trustees with experience of fundraising, human resources and chairing boards for co-option.

Schedule of retirement

Grainne McGinn has retired and vacated office. This means that two other trustees need to stand for re-election at the 2026 AGM: Julie Christie and Thomas Ballantine (one third need to retire at each AGM – clause 63).

Below is the schedule of retirement for the 9 current trustees.

Name	Appointed	Date of retiral / election/ re-election	AGM 2026
Aedán Smith	03 July 2020	AGM 2021	LINK nomination
Lloyd Austin	1 September 2020 (LINK nomination)	AGM 2021 & 2024	Retiral AGM 2027
Deborah Long	29 September 2020 (LINK nomination)	LINK nomination	LINK nomination
Julie Christie	5 April 2021	AGM 2023	Retiral AGM 2026 seeking re-election



Thomas Ballantine	1 March 2023 (Board co-option) Elected 11 October 2023	AGM 2023	Retiral AGM 2026 seeking re-election
James Jarvie	11 October 2023	AGM 2023	Retiral AGM 2027
Phillipa Scott	11 October 2023	AGM 2023	Retiral AGM 2027
Kevin Dunion	19 November 2024 (Board co-option) Elected 8 October 2025	AGM 2025	Retiral AGM 2028
Jamie Whittle	8 October 2025	AGM 2025	Retiral AGM 2028
Grainne McGinn	8 October 2025	AGM 2025	Retired and vacates office

Member nominations for new trustees

The Board have received no member nominations for new trustees.

Resolution for the re-election of trustees

Paper 4: *Statements from trustees for re-election* provides short biographies and statements from the nominations seeking re-election at the AGM 2026.

Members are asked to consider the re-election of Julie Christie and Thomas Ballantine.

Decisions for each nomination will be made in turn and carried by a majority vote.



Appendix: [Constitution v.3](#) clauses

Number of charity trustees

54 The maximum number of charity trustees is 12; of which:

54.1 no more than 8 shall be charity trustees who were elected under clause 59 or appointed under clause 60 (or were the initial charity trustees under clause 58); and

54.2 no more than 4 shall be charity trustees who were co-opted under the provisions of clause 69, no more than 2 of whom were nominated by Scottish Environment LINK.

Election, appointment, retiral, re-election

59 At each AGM, the members may elect any member (unless they are debarred under clause 57) to be a charity trustee.

60 The board may, by way of a resolution passed by majority vote at a board meeting, at any time appoint any member (unless they are debarred under clause 57) to be a charity trustee.

61 The board shall use its power under clause 60, as far as possible, to achieve gender balance and otherwise to represent the diversity of Scottish society.

62 At the first AGM, one third (to the nearest round number) of the charity trustees appointed under clause 60 and deemed to have been appointed under clause 58 shall retire from office, the question of which of them shall retire being determined by some random method.

63 At each AGM other than the first:

63.1 any charity trustees deemed to have been appointed under clause 58 or appointed under clause 60 during the period since the preceding AGM shall retire from office;

63.2 out of the remaining charity trustees elected under clause 59, one third (to the nearest round number) shall retire from office.

64 The charity trustees to retire under clause 63.2 shall be those who have been longest in office since they were last elected or re-elected, and as between persons who were last elected/re-elected on the same date, the question of which of them is to retire shall be determined by some random method.

65 A charity trustee who retires from office under clause 62 or 63 shall, subject to clause 67, be eligible for re-election.



66 A charity trustee retiring at an AGM shall, subject to clause 67, be deemed to have been re-elected unless:

66.1 they advise the board prior to the conclusion of the AGM that they do not wish to be re-elected as a charity trustee; or

66.2 an election process was held at the AGM and they were not among those re-elected through that process; or

66.3 a resolution for the re-election of that charity trustee was put to the AGM and was not carried.

67 A person who has served on the board for a period of eight years shall automatically vacate office on expiry of that eight-year period and shall then not be eligible for re-election until a further year has elapsed.