

Register of Interests (Open to the Public)

Register of Interests for Board members & Leadership group of VisitScotland

You should review your disclosure within this register on a regular basis and give notice of any changes within one month of the change. Notices to be forwarded to Sarah Iversen

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Name:

Position: Board Member

Financial Year: 2023-24

Please indicate the nature of your interest for each of the following categories, indicating a nil response, where applicable. (See guidance notes as attached).

1. Remunerated Positions (For any remunerated positions (to include those which involve the receipt of allowances) held in a company/undertaking, or as self-employed.)

	Name of Company	Your Position	Nature of Business
<i>E.G.</i>	<i>XYZ Company Limited</i>	<i>Chairman/Director</i>	<i>Manufactures of Wind Farms</i>
1	Cardiff Metropolitan University (retired 31.01.24)	President and Vice-Chancellor	Education, Research and Innovation
2	Self-employed (from 01.02.24)	Consultant	Education
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2. Related Undertakings (For any **un-remunerated** positions held in a company/organisation which is connected with a company/organisation disclosed under **category 1**, above.)

	Name of Company	Your Position	Nature of Business
<i>E.G.</i>	<i>ABC Company Limited</i>	<i>Director</i>	<i>Marketing Services</i>
1	Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh	Board Member	Biodiversity and Conservation Science, Education and Visitor Attractions
2	Cardiff Metropolitan University (from 01.02.24)	Emerita Professor	Higher Education, Research and Innovation
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3. Contracts (In relations to **any** commercial activity with **VisitScotland**, connected with a company or undertaking, in which you have registered an interest under **categories 1 and 2**, above and/or you hold shares of a value disclosed under **category 5**, below.)

	Name of Supplier/Client	Nature of Service/Supply	Duration of Contract
<i>E.G.</i>	<i>ABC Company Limited</i>	<i>Supply of Marketing Services</i>	<i>Six Months</i>
1	None		
2			
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4. Houses, Land & Buildings (Where you own or have any other right or interest in houses land and buildings, which may be significant to, of relevance to, or bear upon, the work and operations of **VisitScotland**.)

	Description of ownership rights/interest	Connection with VisitScotland
<i>E.G.</i>	<i>50% Ownership interest in building, a road, a town, a county. CD2 EF3</i>	<i>Rented to VisitScotland</i>
1	Home owner in Stirling	None
2	Apartment owner in Edinburgh	Holiday Let
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5. Interests in Share & Securities (where you have an interest in shares of a company, or undertaking, which may be significant to, of relevance to, or bear upon, the work and operation of **VisitScotland**, and the nominal value of the shares is **greater than 1%** of the shares capital of the company/undertaking, **or greater than £25,000.**)

	Registered Name of the Company/Undertaking	Description of Shares
<i>E.G.</i>	<i>CDE Wind Farms Limited</i>	<i>5000 Ordinary Shares</i>
1	None	
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6. Gifts & Hospitality (Only report significant gifts or hospitality received, ensuring that they have also been registered, in accordance with the **VisitScotland receipt of gifts and hospitality policy**. You do not have to register any isolated gifts of a trivial nature, the value of which must not exceed £50, or normal hospitality associated with your duties on behalf of **VisitScotland**, and which would reasonably be regarded as appropriate, or gifts received on behalf of **VisitScotland**.)

	Nature of Gift/Hospitality	Provided By	Attributed Value
<i>E.G.</i>	<i>3 Nights' Accommodation</i>	<i>A Hotel Group</i>	<i>£1,250</i>
1	None		
2			
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7. Non-Financial Interests (Which may be significant to, of relevance to, bear upon, the work and operation of **VisitScotland**. In this context, relevant interests such as memberships or holdings office in other public bodies, clubs, societies and organisations such as trade unions and voluntary organisations, which might give rise to a conflict of interests or trust, must be registered and described.)

	Name of Organisation	Your Position	Nature of Business
<i>E.G.</i>	<i>A Charity</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Promotion of Tourism</i>
1	Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh	Board Member	Biodiversity and Conservation Science, Education and Visitor Attractions
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8. Relevant & Known Interests of Spouse, Partner & Close Family (Only disclose financial interests, if considered to be relevant, and known, and where public disclosure of an interest might be perceived as some benefit having been gained from knowledge passed on from a member about the work of **VisitScotland**.)

	Name of Company	Connection	Nature of Interest
<i>E.G.</i>	<i>RST Company Limited</i>	<i>Spouse</i>	<i>50% Holding of Ordinary Shares</i>
1	University of the West of Scotland	Professor Gayle McPherson (Partner)	Director of the Centre for Culture, Sport and Events
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Name: Professor Cara Aitchison

Signature:



Date: 20 February 2024