

Council Elections 2012 – Meet the candidates – Richard Lewis

✘ Richard Lewis is the SNP candidate for Colinton/Fairmilehead Ward. He stood unsuccessfully in 2010 in the Liberton & Gilmerton by-election.

Born in Sydney, Richard grew up in both Edinburgh and Australia. After attending James Gillespie's High School, he completed a B.A. (Hons) in Music at Magdalen College, Oxford and a Masters at Edinburgh University before working in Mannheim, Germany for some time. He has since worked as a freelance musician and conductor in Austria, Hungary, Australia, Denmark, Belgium and Ireland.

He has been a member of the SNP for 18 years and has served as vice-convenor of Marchmont branch. He first stood for the party in the council 2007 election.

His primary areas of council interest are education and the arts and particularly the importance of maintaining and expanding upon Edinburgh's reputation as a leading artistic, cultural and educational centre.

Richard has a Hungarian partner Eszter who gave birth to their first son, Stephan, in January.