

# New boss for YMCA Edinburgh

YMCA Edinburgh has appointed Emma Brown as their new Chief Executive who takes over from Kerry Reilly.

Reilly became the new National General Secretary of YMCA Scotland at the end of 2014.

Emma, who until recently was Youth Work Manager at YMCA West and Central Hertfordshire, brings a wealth of youth work experience, combined with considerable energy and a deep rooted passion to make a difference.

Emma said: "From my experience of working for the YMCA in England I know the impact that the YMCA movement makes in helping people to belong, contribute and thrive. Even though these are challenging times in the sector, in terms of funding and changing policy priorities, I believe there are many new opportunities and approaches, to working with those who need it most. I look forward to working with the staff team to continue to support people of all ages, in transforming their lives."

YMCA Edinburgh runs a range of projects and programmes, including holiday play schemes, playrangers, mentoring for young people at risk of offending, youth clubs, women's support groups and schools work providing one-to-one support for referred pupils. The organisation works with over 200 local children, young people and their families each week, giving them the chance to take part and belong, make a difference through their contribution and ultimately through their development thrive within their community.

Stewart Higgins, Chairman of the Board, said: "Kerry was an exceptional leader of YMCA Edinburgh. We wish her every success and indeed look forward to working closely with her in her new role. I speak for the whole board when I say we are delighted Emma is joining and we look forward to growing from

the strong foundation that Kerry and our excellent team have given us.”

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