

New chair appointed at City of Literature Trust

The body which looks after our status as the first UNESCO City of Literature has appointed a new chair.

Ruth Plowden has over 25 years of experience of working with non-profit organisations; she was a Trustee of Breakthrough Breast Cancer, Breast Cancer Now and the Lamp of Lothian Trust, was part of the team which successfully secured the John Murray Archive for the National Library of Scotland and was a founding director of the Lammermuir Festival. A former journalist, she is now working on her first book.

Ruth Plowden said: 'I'm extremely pleased to be joining the Trust at such an important time in its development and when so many exciting announcements are imminent. I am looking forward to leading the organisation and helping it to achieve its bold new vision.'

Happy I can now share this news. Send me a message if you have suggestions as to how we can make the most of Edinburgh's status as UNESCO's first ever City of Literature or would like to get involved. Exciting plans ahead
<https://t.co/qVP8GpXVY0>

– Ruth Plowden (@RuthPlowden) [July 26, 2019](#)

Ali Bowden, Director of the City of Literature Trust said: 'We are delighted that Ruth is joining our team. With over 15 years of community engagement and international development work under its belt, the Trust is about to embark on a large-

scale project which will transform how we engage with literature here in Scotland. The Literature House project is ambitious, and it's fantastic to have someone as creative, experienced and committed as Ruth to spearhead our work.'



The beautiful garden behind John Knox's House and the Scottish Storytelling Centre where you can go and have a read of your latest book. The City of Literature Trust has its office nearby.