

EVOC's new boss starts today

The Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations' Council (EVOC) has appointed a new Chief Executive Officer.

Bruce Crawford brings a breadth of strategic leadership experience to the role.

As Director of Grange Associates, he has supported charities and social enterprises to develop and succeed, offering advice in a range of areas including governance, strategy, policy, change management, diversity, risk management, business planning and sustainability.

As Chief Executive for Scottish Curling, Bruce led successful negotiations that secured £2m funding for Covid recovery from The Scottish Government and played a key role in developing strategies and campaigns to ensure that the Olympic profile and success were capitalised to maximum effect.

He is also a member of the Sustainability Committee for World Curling and is the chair of the James Gillespie's Trust.

Diarmaid Lawlor (EVOC Convenor) said: *"We are delighted to appoint Bruce to lead EVOC. This has been a competitive and thorough recruitment process. The core of strong Third Sector organisations is clear purpose, tangible impacts, sustainable finance, and, particularly relevant to this situation, great people. Bruce's appointment completes EVOC's internal staffing restructure and we look forward to working with him and the wider Third Sector to finalise our strategic priorities, working towards 'a strong sector for a strong city'."*

Bruce said: "I am delighted to be appointed to lead EVOC as its new CEO, working with the staff and board, listening to members and consulting with stakeholders as we support the voluntary organisations that serve our communities. I am looking forward to hearing from colleagues across the sector as we develop our new strategy and set priorities, which will help us to make an impact and address the challenges that lie ahead."

