



HUMANISM in SCOTLAND

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OFFICE BEARERS' DECLARATION

We hereby declare that the belief group Humanism in Scotland (HinS) does not engage in any commercial activity relating to the solemnisation of marriages, or any such activities or related events. As office bearers representing HinS, we declare that we do not take part in any commercial venture or undertaking that is in any respect dependent on the authorised status of the body's celebrants.

CHAIRPERSON'S DECLARATION

Stephen McLaren, HinS chairperson, hereby declares that Humanism in Scotland is a recognised belief group in Scotland which operates solely as a not-for-profit, non-charitable, non-membership organisation.

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Humanism in Scotland - personnel changes in 2022

Marzieh Targhi stepped down voluntarily from her role as vice chairperson in 2022.

Humanism in Scotland founder and chairperson Ronald McLaren approved Stephen McLaren's succession as vice chairperson and a group vote supported this change in July 2022.

In January 2023, Stephen became chairperson following the death of Ronald McLaren.

Stephen's new role as chairperson was approved by the group with full support.

There are currently no plans to appoint a vice chair, however, this will be discussed in the future in order to set up a succession plan.

Stephen McLaren is the sole member of the group that nominates celebrants for registration and he supports relevant applications for temporary authorisation.

Along with his role as group chairperson, Stephen acts as an authorised marriage officer, nominated in 2015 by the group's original chairperson, Ronald McLaren.

In this capacity, Stephen conducts legal wedding ceremonies as a sole trader and he performs his role in line with Humanism in Scotland's policies and procedures relating to Celebrants' ceremony activities,

As a Celebrant and Marriage Officer, Stephen is self-employed and he submits his income and expenditure to HMRC each year in line with UK Government tax rules & regulations.

(see Document 3 - Human Resources - CELEBRANTS)

HUMANISM in SCOTLAND APPROVED CELEBRANTS ~ 2023

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