

Alison Grant



Alison is a senior business professional whose experience spans major consultancies and global ICT services organisations including Microsoft UK plc and Accenture.

She was an Associate Partner at Accenture within the Public Sector Practice, before leaving to run Microsoft's Central Government and Defence Business. She then moved into Government Affairs and managed Microsoft's top level relations with its UK Government customers.

In 2009 Alison moved back to Scotland. Since then she has chosen to take on more short term consultancy roles. These have included: working with CGI to win new business in Scotland, Babcock International (Rail Division) where she managed a major bid to Network Rail; and, as part of the Scottish Government's Peer Review Process for Major Projects has undertaken a strategy review of Education Scotland's Digital Teaching and Learning Strategy.

For the last 10 years Alison has also been a Non-Executive Director for Socia, a London-based specialist business consultancy. Socia carries out Board evaluations and specialises in optimising complex partnering arrangements across large delivery contracts. Socia has published two editions of a book on Collaborative Leadership, exploring and defining leadership styles. This has now been included in BS1100, the British Standard for Collaborative Working.

Alison has an MA Hons in English Literature from the University of Glasgow. She has represented Primary Schools as the parent representative on Scottish Border Councils Education Committee, for the past two years; and has been Chair of the local school Parent Council for the past four years.

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