

Ann Henderson



Ann Henderson was born and brought up in Edinburgh. She graduated from Edinburgh University in 1978, MA Sociology and Social Administration. Subsequently Ann gained a Diploma in Youth and Community Work at Manchester Polytechnic. Ann was actively involved in the student community, including volunteering with Children's Holiday Venture at Edinburgh, Women's Group membership, and as a member of the Student Representative Council. After a sabbatical year with Manchester Area NUS, and a year on the NUS Executive, Ann moved back to Scotland.

Employment has included fifteen years in the rail industry in Glasgow, working in a local railway station and then as a train guard, going on to become one of Scotland's first female train drivers, whilst also taking on a trade union representative role. In 1996 Ann took up a community development post working with women in Castlemilk, Glasgow, before moving back to Edinburgh in 1999.

Ann is currently working as a researcher in the Scottish Parliament, having also worked there 1999 – 2007, for various MSPs in the Labour Group. She took up a senior post at the Scottish TUC in 2007 until late 2017, working with many different trade unions, Scottish Government, Parliament and supporting the STUC Women's Committee. Ann has been a member of the Scottish Labour Party Executive since 2017, being re-elected in March 2019, and is also a member of the Labour Party National Executive, having been elected in September 2018. Ann chairs the Labour Party NEC Equalities Committee.

Ann recently joined the Edinburgh International Festival Board for a three year term.

Ann's commitment and experience was reflected in her appointment in 2008 as Scotland Commissioner to the Women's National Commission. She continues to be actively involved in women's groups, with a particular interest in labour movement and women's history, in campaigns for equality and social justice, and in local community activity, including her local bowling club in Edinburgh.

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