

ECHF AGM 2025
Held at Edinburgh Quaker house on 02/09/2025

In attendance: Stephanie-Anne Harris (ECHF), Daniel Richards (ECHF), Catriona Windle (HAR), Brenda Black (ECF), Marion Findlay (Volunteer Ed), Liz McIntosh (Queensferry Care), Jennifer Elliot (POPP), Helena Richards (CarrGomm), Zoe Mobey (THA), Alan Gray (HAR), Kim Anderson (THA), Dawn Anderson (PCHP), Tracey Stewart (Rowan Alba), Charlie Cumming (ELGT), Magda Czarnecka (Feniks)

Apologies: (Patricia Scotland (POPP), Suzanne Lowden (H&SCP), Anne Munro (PDP), Biddy Kelly (Fresh Start), Sarah Boath (CHEX)

1. Welcomes and introductions
Cat Welcomes everyone and thanks them for coming

Brenda-
Churchill Fellowship- Group of Changemakers
-As part of the fellowship, you have to study Winston Churchill

-Important that not just CEO’s do it as it’s a funded position and people from all walks of life should take advantage of the experience.

-The main problem that I wanted to tackle- People in rooms not caring about women and women with kids.
 -For example Trussell trust not giving formula milk to mums

Would recommend several books
-Sweet Charity- Great book on how food banks don’t work economically
-The Proof Project- Cash First Approach

Some ideas I have had while traveling to Canada
- We don’t give enough to lift people out of the bad situations they are in

- Social supermarkets in other countries have very high quality food. Most of the time here food banks etc. have poor standards of food.

-Toronto had a community farm which also had a café attached, had free local newspapers, which was great for spreading information locally.
 -Would definitely recommend Edinburgh had one as well

-Lots of food markets with local produce, again something that Edinburgh would greatly benefit from

-Really recognised that Edinburgh does already have a lot of great things in the city

2. AGM

1. Minutes from 2023/24- for approval

-Minutes from last year’s AGM were approved

2. Chairs report - for noting

-Chairs report was noted

3. 23/24 Accounts- for approval
- Accounts were approved

4. Re Appointment of Auditors
-Auditors were approved

5. Appointment of trustees
-Charlie Cumming / Brenda Black- Co-Chair
John Haliday- Treasurer
Marion Findlay- Trustee
Catriona Windle- Has stepped down
Ryan Lytwyn- Has stepped down

6. Survey Results
- Daniel presented a summary of the yearly survey results

3. Workshop- Future of the forum
If anyone has any comments or ideas for where they would like the Forum to focus its attention on in the coming year, please contact Stephanie-Anne or Daniel.

4. AOCB

There was no other business to attend to

5.DONM
The next meeting will be held at the Volunteer Edinburgh offices on 07/10/2025 from 10am-11.30 and on Zoom.