



# Charlie Woods



Formerly Director of Strategy and Chief Economist at Scottish Enterprise, Charlie has vast experience of industry and commerce and considerable mediation and facilitation experience in many sectors.

## Mediation and Facilitation Experience

- Trained as commercial mediator with Core in 2007
- Mediator in over 50 (mainly commercial) cases including:
  - partnership,
  - professional negligence
  - commercial property
  - sport
  - public sector
  - PPP contracts
  - transport infrastructure
  - management
  - employment and workplace
  - construction
- Considerable experience in planning mediations and those involving contractual disputes
- Regularly coaches on Core's mediation and negotiation skills courses
- Co-developer of the *User's Guide to Mediation in Planning in Scotland in 2011*
- Guest coach on University of Strathclyde MSc in Mediation and Conflict Resolution
- Consultancy and facilitation projects have included: Scottish Government, 'Mediation in Planning' review, users' guide and pilots; Marine Scotland - offshore wind energy public engagement; Law Society of Scotland - 2011 Manifesto; Royal Society of Edinburgh - Women in STEM enquiry; Scottish Court Service - future court structures workshops
- Member of the Edinburgh Sheriff Court panel of mediators
- Charlie's style is facilitative yet determined, a good summariser and synthesiser of issues and options. His economics background enables him to help parties analyse the costs and benefits of different courses of action

## Professional Experience

- Visiting Professor, University of Strathclyde School of Government and Public Policy-European Policies Research Centre
- Freelance Economic Development/Strategy Consultant – clients include Glasgow Caledonian University, OECD, British Council Scotland, Scotland Europa, Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park, The World Bank
- Board member Space Unlimited – a social enterprise linking the insights of young people with the challenges faced by businesses
- Board member Planning Aid for Scotland
- Held a number of senior positions within Scottish Enterprise from 1991 – 2007 ultimately as Senior Director Strategy/Chief Economist at Scottish Enterprise (2005 – July 2007)
- Scotland Europa: Chief Executive (1994 – 1997)

## Feedback

- “Please also pass on my thanks again to Charlie, who was a superb facilitator throughout the mediation process.”