

## **Mrs Lynne Clow**

### **Why I am standing for the Chair of RGU?**

I believe passionately in education for everyone.

As a child who grew up in what was at the time called Council Housing not everyone got the chances I got because university seemed unattainable for some and often parents didn't understand how their children could get there and achieve a great deal, no matter what their background.

Having shown myself if you work hard you can achieve anything, and having seen the impact that poor or no education has on families because of the work I am involved with through the charities I support and the Children's Panel. I believe that if we give everyone access to the best education then we can achieve anything, and there is a lot to achieve.

Through education and research, we can tackle many of the world's big problem such as climate change, famine and disease. However sometimes there are issues that also need to be tackled more locally such as childhood poverty, abuse, discrimination, addiction and much more. We can also really start to use some of the tools the world is exploring much more effectively for the benefit of all, whether that is social media, alternative energy etc rather than for the benefit of just a few.

I feel in my career and my background I have been very fortunate and taken some good, and some bad, decisions but also had support and encouragement from great and dedicated people along the way. Some of those learnings have made me think beyond what I achieve and to what we can achieve together, and that is why I want to be the Chair of RGU because through education and research we can start to make changes that benefit everyone, not just a few.

### **Short Synopsis on Me**

I have a first degree from the University of Strathclyde and Postgraduate Diploma from Napier University. When I left university, I started my career training to be an accountant in the financial sector, however decided very quickly that this was not really for me and then spent a period of time working in other areas such as marketing, property, investments until finally I landed on a future in HR.

I worked in the financial sector for some time but then decided I needed a change and joined a technology start up that was developing games for mobile phones, where I became involved in every aspect of the business including games production, which was brilliant fun. However I outgrew this role and returned to work again in the financial sector but travelling internationally and being involved in some major financial transactions. My career really progressed at this stage to a senior level and I changed sectors again moving into construction/manufacturing, and call centres.

Recently I have been the SVP HR for KCA Deutag. However, after 7 years I have decided that I want to move on and do something different. This has been a great role where again I have been involved with many things, and have worked on far more than HR alone, which has taught me a great deal.

On top of my professional career, I am a member of the Children's Panel in Scotland and Trustee of a UK wide addiction charity called Addaction where I am also a member of the Council for Scotland.

I like to travel both personally and professionally and have been to many interesting place. However, my main interest is walking and climbing in the Scottish mountains. My husband, son and I love to be outdoors with our dog and doing something, I am no good at sitting at home or indoors, I am a real outdoors person who loves to challenge myself, learn new things and have fun.