



## Press release

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### Roger Crofts joins Crichton Carbon Centre Board.

Crichton Carbon Centre (CCC) is delighted to announce that Professor Roger Crofts, CBE, FRSE has joined their team as Strategic Director.

His appointment adds knowledge and experience which will make CCC more effective in the response required of Scotland to the threats and opportunities created by climate change.

Roger trained as a geographer and geomorphologist. He worked in the Scottish office specialising in economic development and the environment for 17 years, and was subsequently the founder Chief Executive of Scottish Natural Heritage.

Roger is Chairman of Plantlife International, a Board member of the National Trust for Scotland, the Scottish Agricultural College, Fieldfare, Patron of the Scottish Association of Geography Teachers, Honorary Professor at the University of Edinburgh and Visiting Professor at the University of Aberdeen.

He is actively involved in advising anyone who is prepared to listen on environmental strategy and action, especially in Iceland and Scotland.

Co-founder Gillian Khosla says: "Having started CCC with an ambitious programme of training and outreach work now is the right time to increase the skills within the Centre and extend Board membership beyond the original 3 founders. Roger's wisdom, experience and reach will be of great value to the whole team and we welcome him warmly"

Professor Roger Crofts states "I am delighted to be joining the Crichton Carbon Centre team. It is an exciting initiative that has achieved much in its first 2 years. The MSc in Carbon Management, which it runs with Glasgow University, has been a great success. In its project work it has already influenced the lives and activities of many individuals and organisations in Dumfries and Galloway and it has huge potential for spreading its impact further afield."

Development Director Bob Lee said "There are many possible directions for CCC and we need someone with extensive experience to ensure we find, and focus on, the areas where we can achieve most. Roger's breadth of knowledge and his wide-ranging awareness of what is happening will provide us with invaluable strategic help."

#### ***About the Crichton Carbon Centre.***

Founded in Dumfries in 2007, the CCC links business needs with academic expertise to address climate change and encourage behavioural change in industry and society.

It is a registered Scottish charity number SC038915

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