

# UEGA Annual Report 2025

## Executive Committee and Staffing

The current office bearers are:

President: David Gilmour  
Vice President: Ann Henderson  
Hon. Secretary: David Lamb  
Hon. Treasurer: Finlay Marshall  
Interim Editor: Stephen Hillier

Other members of the Executive Committee:

Hamish McKenzie  
Dora Herndon, EUSA President  
John Rappa, EUSA Vice President for Activities and Services  
Philine Rouwers, EUSU President

The former Editorial Committee of the *University of Edinburgh Journal* has since been disbanded by the Executive Committee in favour of an Editorial Panel. A preliminary meeting of the Panel was held on 22 January 2025, at which enthusiastic discussion was held on the further development of the Panel to advise and guide the *Journal* into its second century.

Staff members include:

Production Editor: John Sutherland  
Administrator: Position Vacant since November 2023

## Summary of Executive Activity

The Executive Committee, along with the Production Editor, have met regularly to oversee the Association, engaging with new opportunities to promote the *Journal*, and attending events around the University. The Editorial Committee has been disbanded, with Executive Committee members engaging with the taking regular Editorial reports, and supporting the development of the new broader-based Editorial Panel. This Panel is made up of significant figures from in and around the University of Edinburgh, and has already met to engage in discussion on the development of the *Journal* in its second century.

The Association was represented at the 2024 General Council AGM in the McEwan Hall, and at the General Council meeting in June 2024 in Edinburgh Futures Institute. At both events, UEGA ran a stall to promote the *Journal*, and a special offer subscription rate leaflet was distributed. UEGA was also in attendance, with copies of the *Journal* which featured Eric Liddell articles, at a Celebration of Sport event held in the Playfair Library on 29 October 2024. The *Journal's* Interim Editor was able to attend the opening reception on 23 January 2025 for the new exhibition at University of Edinburgh Library, 'Rooting', which explores environmental impact and climate activism, and includes material sourced from the *Journal* Archive.

Discussions have been had with EUSA sabbatical officers around their engagement, recognising the pressure on their time, and this will be reviewed in the year ahead. Retail opportunities for the *Journal* have been pursued, with an agreement reached about online and hard copy sales through the University Visitor Centre on Bristo Square.

In the early part of 2024, a number of meetings were held with some of the Development & Alumni team, with one outcome being the promotion of the *Journal* by the Principal when in New York for Tartan Day in April 2024, and when visiting the Edinburgh University Club of Toronto (EDUCT). Internal discussions have continued around the prospects for the *Journal*, and the development of the new *Journal* Editorial Panel will allow for that to develop further.

## **UEGA Events**

Since the AGM in 2024, there has only been one event that has been held. On 15 November 2024, we enjoyed a guided tour of Edinburgh Futures Institute, led by Professor Patricia Erskine. This was well attended and enjoyed by those participating. It was arranged as a follow up to the article about EFI in the *Journal*.

## **Representing UEGA**

In October 2024, the President was invited to the instalment of Simon Fanshawe as Rector of the University. The Vice President was also in attendance as a former Rector. The Rector's Inaugural Address was included with the most recent issue of the *Journal*.

On Remembrance Sunday, the Vice President stood in for the President to lay a wreath at the War Memorial in the Old Quad.

## **Current Membership**

The current total membership of UEGA stands at 727. Of these, 216 are annual members, 481 are life members, 21 are ten year members, and 9 are honorary members.

We are grateful to those members who responded to the October 2024 letter from the President, both in terms of the financial appeal, but also with offers of assistance and comments for the *Journal* survey.

Mr David Gilmour,  
UEGA President