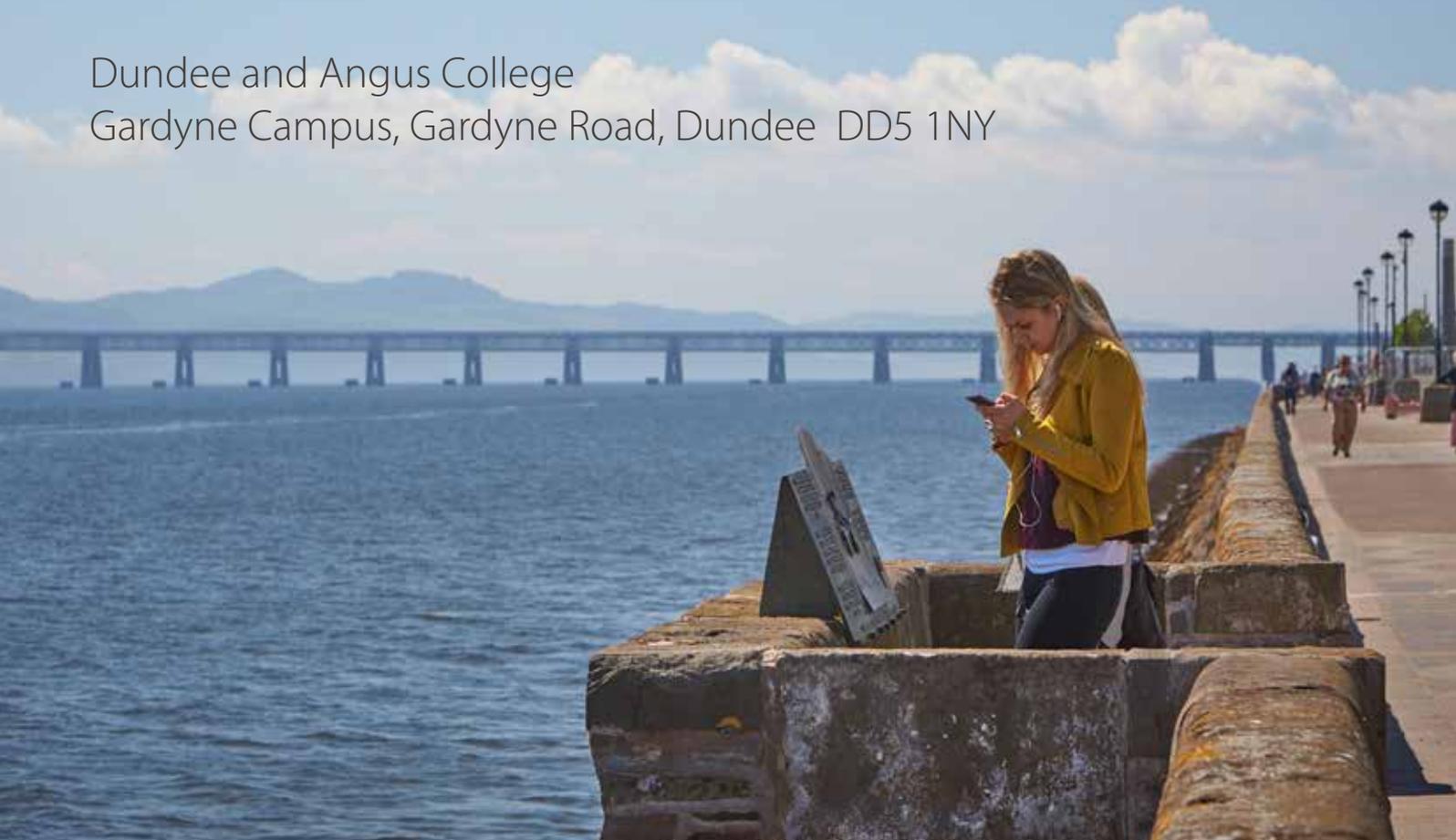


# 7<sup>th</sup> Dundee Economic Summit

## Delivering Regional Economic Growth

**Wednesday 27th June 2018**

Dundee and Angus College  
Gardyne Campus, Gardyne Road, Dundee DD5 1NY



## Welcome

On behalf of the Dundee Partnership I'd like to welcome you to the seventh Dundee Economic Summit.

This event is an established fixture in the calendar and I am delighted that we have again attracted an audience of around 200 delegates including such a large contingent from the business community.

This year we are focusing on the theme of "Delivering Regional Economic Growth" as we recognise that collaboration between the local authorities and other partners in the region is essential to our ambitions to create a stronger regional economy. Our aspirations for the region are set out in the regional economic strategy published last year which accompanied our Tay Cities Deal submission. Over the coming year, we look forward to working with both governments to agree and deliver new investment in the region which will help us to raise productivity levels, create more jobs and enable more people to secure fair work and build good careers.

Dundee and the wider region are already benefiting from the "V&A effect" with new hotels opening, increased interest from investors and significant national and international media attention. In July, the Open Golf Championship at Carnoustie will bring the region to the attention of a global audience and this will be closely followed by opening of V&A Dundee on 15th September. Today's summit will hear more about the journey travelled to deliver what will be a truly iconic international class attraction for our region.

We will also celebrate the Year of Young People 2018 and hear from some inspiring young talent who are building successful businesses and careers in the Tay Cities area.

I hope that you enjoy today's summit and thank you for taking the time to attend.

*David Martin*

*Chief Executive, Dundee City Council*

## The Dundee Partnership

The Dundee Partnership pools together the strengths of key city agencies including Dundee City Council, Scottish Enterprise, Skills Development Scotland, Police Scotland and NHS Tayside, along with local academic institutions and representatives of the business, voluntary and community sectors, providing a vehicle for coordinated inter agency working.



## Schedule

08.30 Registration open - networking and refreshments

### Session 1

09.00 Introduction by our Facilitator and MC for the day  
Grant Ritchie - *Principal, Dundee and Angus College*

09.05 Welcome  
Cllr John Alexander - *Leader of Dundee City Council*

09.20 Building a strong Tay Cities Regional Economy  
Ellis Watson - *Executive Chair of DC Thomson Publishing*

09.50 Celebrating Year of Young People - Young Entrepreneurs and Researchers  
Cristiana Calixto - *Post Doc Researcher, James Hutton Institute*  
Jenna McDonald - *Jewellery Designer*  
Kirsten Stewart - *Wedding Design Specialist and Graphic Designer*  
Rob Kent - *Director & Head of Software Engineering for Platinum Informatics Ltd*

10.20 Q&A Session

10.30 Break and refreshments

### Session 2

11.00 City Development update  
Mike Galloway - *Executive Director, City Development, Dundee City Council*

11.20 Building V&A Dundee - Story of the build  
John Tavendale - *Project Director, Turner & Townsend*

11.40 The perspectives of V&A London  
Tim Reeve - *Deputy Director & Chief Operating Officer, Victoria and Albert Museum*

12.10 Q&A Session

12.25 Closing Remarks: David Martin - *Chief Executive, Dundee City Council*

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## GRANT RITCHIE

Principal, Dundee and Angus College

Educated at Harris Academy, Dundee and Aberdeen University, Grant joined Dundee College in 1985. He gained his Teaching Qualification for FE in 1999 and a post graduate diploma in education management from Leicester University in 2004. Prior to becoming Principal, Grant was responsible for the growth of creative industries in the College including the development of the Space Dance Centre, and the £50m redevelopment of the Gardyne campus in Dundee. He was part of the team that led the successful merger of Dundee and Angus Colleges. His board positions include the DYW group, Gardyne Theatre Ltd, and Colleges Scotland's Skilled Workforce Board. Grant was awarded the SQA Fellowship in 2017.



## CRISTIANE CALIXTO

Post Doc Researcher

Cristiane Calixto obtained her B.Sc. in Biological Sciences – University of Sao Paulo, Brazil (2004), MSc. in Genetics – University of Sao Paulo, Brazil (2008) and PhD in Plant Sciences – University of Dundee (2014). Since 2014, Cristiane has been working as a postdoctoral Research Assistant at the University of Dundee, she has experience in Plant Molecular Biology and her main research interests are gene expression, alternative splicing, clock genes, and next generation sequencing. Cristiane has recently been awarded the prestigious Peter Massalski Prize for meritorious research.



## DAVID MARTIN

Chief Executive, Dundee City Council

David Martin is Chief Executive of Dundee City Council, a post he took up in December 2014. Previously he performed the same role at Renfrewshire Council, prior to which he held senior management posts with several local authorities, working in the fields of economic policy, business and property development, community planning, housing, finance and environmental services. David studied at Glasgow University where he gained B.Sc Hons and an M.Phil in town and regional planning. David has been an Executive Member of the Scottish Society of Directors of Planning and has held several directorships of both commercial and not for profit organisations.



## JENNA MCDONALD

Jewellery Designer, owner & creator of Tangled Up In Blue Boutique & Studio

Jenna McDonald is a Perthshire-based contemporary Jewellery Designer and founder of Tangled Up In Blue Craft Boutique & Studio. Graduating from Duncan of Jordanstone in 2009 with an Honours Degree in Jewellery & Metalwork, Jenna has exhibited and sold her work throughout the UK and internationally. Opening her independent retail business in 2012, Jenna promotes some of Scotland's leading contemporary designers alongside her own work. Today Jenna will be discussing her experience so far, and her inspired future plans to expand and develop her business.



## MIKE GALLOWAY

Executive Director, City Development, Dundee City Council

Mike Galloway graduated from Dundee University in 1979 and has worked in Local Government for the most part since then. His career began with Glasgow City Council as a planning assistant. He left Glasgow to join London Borough of Lewisham as a Principal Planning Officer and he also worked for Manchester City Council for a year before returning to Glasgow as Assistant Chief Planning Officer. In 1991 Mike took up post of Director of the Crown Street Regeneration Project. He joined Dundee City Council in 1997 as Director of Planning & Transportation and is now Executive Director of City Development.



## KIRSTEN STEWART

Wedding Design Specialist & Graphic Designer

Every design Kirsten creates, holds a special, personal, significance. At the heart of Designs By Kirsten, you'll find a bright, bubbly and chatty graphic designer, based in Perth and Kinross, Scotland. Kirsten was born and brought up in the area and her Scottish roots inspire many of her bespoke creations. She says she has, what some might call, an obsession with tweed, buttons, tartan, paper and nature.



## CLLR JOHN ALEXANDER

Leader of Dundee City Council

Councillor John Alexander is the Leader of Dundee City Council. He is currently the youngest council leader in Scotland at the age of 29 and has been a councillor since 2012, holding senior positions in the governing administration including Convener of Housing and Convener of Neighbourhood Services. As the political leader, John sets the strategic direction, agenda, and policy development of Dundee City Council. He also leads several key bodies including the Dundee Partnership and chairs the Policy & Resources Committee. More recently, John has also taken on the role of Chair of the Scottish Cities Alliance, an organisation which is a unique collaboration of the seven cities in partnership with the Scottish Government.



## TIM REEVE

Deputy Director & Chief Operating Officer, V&A

Tim Reeve has been Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer of the Victoria and Albert Museum (V&A), the world's leading museum of art and design, since 2013. Tim has overall responsibility for the operation of the Museum, including commercial and digital activities, exhibitions, FuturePlan and the delivery of a world-class visitor experience. He also led the V&A's support of China Merchant's Group in the creation of the V&A Galleries within a new design museum in Shenzhen, China, which opened in December 2017. Tim is closely involved in establishing V&A East, a dynamic new museum in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in East London. Before joining the V&A, Tim was Director of Historic Properties at English Heritage. Tim is a graduate in Ancient History from Royal Holloway, University of London and studied at the Institute of Archaeology (UCL) and INSEAD on its International Executive Programme.



## ROB KENT

Director and Head of Software Engineering for Platinum Informatics Ltd

Rob is a founder, director and the Head of Software Engineering for Platinum Informatics Ltd., a spin-out from the University of Dundee where he was a Team Leader and Senior Software Developer for Proteomics Research in Professor Angus Lamond's laboratory. After playing with ("testing and supporting?") military jet aircraft for a few years, Rob moved into scientific research, specifically the field of Proteomics, where his team created software tools and solutions to manage, analyse and visualise the "Big Data" challenges encountered in this discipline. Rob has more than 10 years experience as a systems engineer and software architect/developer with skills that span desktop, web and mobile applications as well as hardware engineering, DevOps, consultation and support.



## ELLIS WATSON

Executive Chair of DC Thomson Publishing

Ellis Watson is Executive Chair of DC Thomson Publishing, one of the world's largest family owned media groups. He was previously Global CEO of Syco Entertainment, running Simon Cowell's TV & record labels to take X Factor & the Got Talent formats around the world. The Syco appointment followed spells on the board of Menzies and FirstGroup, the huge public transport operator with brands from First Great Western to America's Greyhound Bus network. Before that he was at the helm of Mirror Group Newspapers, running five national titles. Ellis' first break came as a young Marketing Director at The Sun and The News of the World, moving on to take charge of the new digital business and reporting directly to Rupert Murdoch. After ten years at News Corporation he became CEO of Celador International - licensing Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? to 100 countries and overseeing 130 consumer products. He was appointed a Global Scot by the First Minister in 2015.



## JOHN TAVENDALE

Project Director, Turner & Townsend

John trained as an Architect at Dundee University and was formerly a partner at James F Stephen Architect until 2004 working on everything from special needs and sheltered housing to commercial, cultural, ecclesiastical buildings, conservation of listed buildings and Townscape Heritage Initiatives in Arbroath and Banff. As Project Manager at Dundee University Estates from 2004 to 2007 John was responsible for delivering various projects including the Dalhousie Building and Library Extension. As Project Director at Turner and Townsend John is working on biomedical science research centres in Dundee, St Andrews and Aberdeen Universities. He is Project Director for the Capital Project Delivery of the V&A Dundee from 2011 to completion September 2018.