

**ROBIN BURLEY MBE FRSA MCI Arb**

**Robin is a business coach and mediator with non-executive director positions.**

*He is a partner in Eskhill & Co and was formerly chief executive of the Edinvar Group, housing and community care providers. He is chair of a national environment body, a university governor, a member of a health board and a trustee of a world heritage trust. He was awarded an MBE in 2000 in recognition of services to the housing association movement and disabled people.*

**Partner in Eskhill & Co**

Robin set up Eskhill & Co in 1998 after two decades leading the Edinvar Group, one of the UK's most innovative housing and care organisations. He chairs the Built Environment Forum Scotland, and is a non-executive director of NHS Lothian, Queen Margaret University and Edinburgh World Heritage Trust.

Robin is a business coach to voluntary, private and public sector individuals and teams. He provides conflict resolution services and works as a mediator in Sheriff Courts in Edinburgh and Glasgow as well as being on the panel of Catalyst Mediation and the Scottish Legal Complaints Commission. He is qualified in the Myers Briggs Personality Indicator (MBTI) which he uses in coaching and mediation.

Robin has chaired NHS Lothian's primary and community division and its endowment committee; been an advisor to developers on urban regeneration, managed an international citizen's jury on employment of disabled people, and been a member of a Scottish Government review team on drug and alcohol services.

Robin has played a key role in developing assistive technology and telecare solutions for independent living. He has provided many bodies with strategic advice on smart technology including West Lothian Council's award winning 'Opening Doors' project.

Robin worked with the Rethinking Construction movement for change. He chaired the Housing Forum Scottish Steering Group and the Modernising Construction Strategic Group set up by the Minister for Enterprise which led to setting up the Scottish Construction Forum. He is now an Enabler with Architecture and Design Scotland and has a special interest in healthy built environments.

In 2003 Robin was joined in Eskhill & Co by Lindsay Burley who is also a coach, mediator and MBTI Practitioner. Lindsay brings to the partnership significant health service experience as a former consultant physician and health board chief executive and several current non-executive director roles.

**Selected Eskhill Clients**

Alzheimer's Scotland; East Lothian Housing Association, ELCAP; Catalyst Mediation, Church of Scotland, Communities Scotland; Institute of Historic Building Conservation, Lumison Ltd; Napier University, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations; Scottish Human Services Trust; South Ayrshire Council; Royal Observatory Edinburgh; Scottish Executive, Scottish Legal Complaints Commission, Scottish Qualifications Authority, Social Investments Scotland, SPAEN, Thinktastic (Design Links Ltd), West Lothian Council.

**Previous Experience**

Robin joined Edinvar Housing Association as its first Director in 1976 after leading an urban regeneration team at the Housing Corporation. He built Edinvar into a pioneering group with a reputation for fresh approaches to housing and community care. When he left in 1998 Edinvar had grown into four companies with £50m assets, £6m turnover and 250 staff working in housing and community care.

Robin has wide experience of governance and committee chairing, including posts in the voluntary and public sector and in the role of company secretary, executive and non-executive director. His current positions are noted below and his former positions include a housing association, a health trust, a charity, and 2 national representative bodies.

**Professional Experience/Qualifications**

BSc (Hons) Civil Engineering, Edinburgh University (1970)  
Alumnus, Cabinet Office Top Management Programme (1994)  
Fellow, Royal Society of Arts (2001)  
Certificate, Business Coaching, School of Coaching (2003)  
Certificate, Prof Dev Executive Coaching, Strathclyde University (2004)  
Certificate in Mediation, Core Mediation (2004)  
Member, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (2004)  
Qualified Myers Briggs Personality Indicator (MBTI)

**Current Non-Executive Portfolio**

Chair, Built Environment Forum Scotland  
Non-executive Director, NHS Lothian  
Chair, NHS Lothian Endowments Committee  
Governor, Queen Margaret University  
Non-executive Director, Edinburgh World Heritage Trust