



David Roberts CV

BSc (Hons) University of Wales

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Background and experience

- David Roberts runs David Roberts Associates having established the business in 2007. He has held a variety of senior management positions in the public and private sectors and has over 20 years experience in economic and social development with a wide range of public and private sector organisations. David has worked closely with the World Bank, the European Commission, UK Government Departments and the Scottish Government, key public sector organisations in the UK and with local partnerships and communities.
- David brings a combination of strategic and operational skills to the development and review of public sector interventions. He is an experienced economic development practitioner with a professional background in economics, business and social development. Projects include local regeneration, monitoring and evaluation, organisational review and strategy development.
 - *Economic and social development - strategy and project development*
 - *Project appraisal, organisational review and evaluation*
 - *Delivering creative solutions, often by building stakeholders' commitment*

Previous experience

- Prior to spending three years spent with SQW Consulting, David ran his own business specialising in international benchmarking drawing on lessons from Europe and the USA.
- David has held senior roles in the Highlands and Islands Enterprise and Scottish Enterprise Networks, with responsibility for strategy development and delivery of major initiatives and projects. Before these appointments David was a director of an economic development consultancy working across the UK, the EU and North America.

Examples of recent relevant projects

Strategic review

David led the process and operations evaluation of the Scottish Executive's £275 million Quality of Life Fund - for Scottish Executive

Review of the skills development programmes delivered in the Cairngorms National Park together with the appraisal of future options - for Cairngorms National Park Authority



Design of **monitoring and evaluation system** of the Craigmillar JVC's £200mn programme over 15 years of physical regeneration linked to social and economic development - for The EDI Group

Review of North Highland LEADER+ administration and monitoring systems and **production of recommendations** for future programmes - for Highland Council

Directed the strategic review of the West Lothian Strategic Action Plan that addressed the **effects of major industrial closures** in West Lothian - for West Lothian Economic Partnership Partnership

Development of a monitoring and evaluation framework for a local food initiative in Edinburgh - for Footprint Consulting

Appraisal

Undertook **market assessment** of a the potential for a Medi Park at Sheildhall, Govan - for Scottish Enterprise Glasgow

Carried out an **economic impact appraisal** of The Roslin Institute, Phase 2 development - for The Roslin Institute, University of Edinburgh

Undertook an **economic appraisal** of the case for support for The Forum - the development of the School of Informatics at the University of Edinburgh - for Scottish Enterprise Edinburgh and Lothian

Led a **scoping review** to market test the Service, Maintenance and Repair needs of the Forestry Commission Scotland's Light Vehicle Fleet - Forestry Commission

Managed the assessment of **development potential** at Garscube Estate, centre for life sciences research and teaching in the west of Scotland - for Scottish Enterprise Dunbartonshire

Undertook **mid term evaluation** of Leith Ahead an initiative designed to connect traditional and new communities in an area experiencing dramatic change - for City of Edinburgh

Directed an **economic impact assessment** of new Traffic Regulation Orders on the island of Mull - for Argyll & Bute Council

Evaluation

Undertook **comprehensive evaluation** of the DTI Genesis Faraday Partnership at the Roslin Institute - for Genesis Faraday

Directed **national evaluation** of the SOLO export support programme delivered across the UK to encourage individual SME trade development - for UKT&I

Evaluation of **Neighbourhood Management Pathfinder** in Blyth, led by the Guinness Trust a major RSL locally - for Office of the Deputy Prime Minister

Carried out the evaluation of the Gigha buy out **five years on**, assessing its impact - for Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust