

IONA COMMUNITY PRESS RELEASE



Inspired by our faith, we pursue justice and peace in and through community'

On 1st June, the Iona Community will begin a new era when Ruth Harvey takes up her post as its Leader. Ruth will work alongside an Executive Director, sharing the leadership duties and responsibilities. Recruitment is underway for this post, to start in October.

Ruth's role will be to lead the voluntary membership movement of the Iona Community, to act as its principal public representative, to articulate and promote the Community's voice on public issues, and to offer theological direction and pastoral support to its membership.

The Executive Director's role will be to develop the business potential of the Community and provide strategic planning for its commercial activities and to assist the Council of the Community in fulfilling its governance duties.

Together, working as a team, they will provide strategic leadership on the vision and direction of the Community's work and witness, in particular, the development and implementation of its goals of sustainability, inclusion and mutual accountability.

Ruth is a minister of the Church of Scotland and a member of the Society of Friends (Quakers). She has been a member of the Iona Community for 27 years and previously worked as Director of Place for

Hope. She is an experienced writer, preacher and trainer/mediator and brings wide-ranging skills in partnership development, reconciliation and conflict transformation and ecumenical work.

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The Iona Community <https://iona.org.uk/> *is an international, ecumenical Christian movement working for peace and justice, the rebuilding of community and the renewal of worship. Founded in 1938, it has around 300 full Members, 1000 Associate Members and 1000 Friends worldwide, together with a wider network of supporters and volunteers. The Community is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. The Community runs residential centres on the island of Iona and the Ross of Mull, Wild Goose Publications, the Wild Goose Resource Group and a book and craft shop on Iona.*