



**Pauline Graham, *Chief Executive, Social Firms Scotland***

Pauline joined Social Firms Scotland (SFS) in 2008 - the national support agency for Social Firms. Prior to joining SFS, Pauline worked at SCVO and managed the Social Economy Scotland Partnership funded under the EU EQUAL Programme that attracted over £5M to support social economy developments in Scotland. The project won the best Policy Impact Award in 2008 and had a direct influence on the first social enterprise strategy in Scotland. Pauline also represented Scotland at European Commission level and has continued to participate in EU Social Entrepreneurship Networks.

Pauline is also a founding director of Ready for Business Procurement LLP which is the lead partner in a consortium delivering the Scottish Government's 'Developing Markets for Third Sector Providers' Programme'.

Pauline represents social enterprise on the *Ministerial Strategic Group - Procurement, Third Sector Employability Forum, SE Health & Well-being Roundtable; TS Roundtable on Prevention*, and the *Scottish Leaders' Forum*. She co-authored, *Buying for Good – Housing Associations, Social Firms and Community Benefits* and *Adding Value to Procurement – A transnational perspective*, with partners in Scotland, Italy, Poland and Finland.

Pauline graduated from Glasgow Caledonian University as a mature student with a BA (Hons) in Communications in 1995 and her career history includes marketing management in the further education sector, the community arts field and community regeneration. Her main passions in life are her family – she has one daughter and one grand-daughter; all things social enterprise and supporting Partick Thistle. Pauline is Chair of Partick Thistle Community Trust and is one of 2 supporters' representatives on a newly established PTFC Trust.