



# BUILT ENVIRONMENT Forum Scotland



BETWEEN 2003 AND BETWEEN 2003 AND MORE AND

publications

... hosted at least 271 events

... released 422 **Bulletins** 

... submitted at

... hosted 11 unique working groups and taskforces

... hosted 67 HEWG meetings with more than 815 attendances

...has a social media audience of over uno increased by 400%

... facilitated at least 85 events and meetings

### **20 YEARS WITH BEFS**

For BEFS, supporting and building sector capacity over the past 20 years has been a stimulating endeavour. From engaging and collaborating with so many professions across different sectors

in Scotland, to continually championing the places and people that make up our unique and world-renowned built environment. Our focus has always been, and remains, policy and strategy for the sector. Looking to the horizon, and ensuring we know where the sector needs to steer - taking advantage of fair winds, and collectively bracing for the storms.

In 2018 BEFS policy role became full-time - significantly increasing our activity and output for the sector. This capacity has enabled BEFS to work with the sector -

> taking on significant projects and partnerships, to better understand portfolios and what they deliver for Scotland.

Photo: St. Kilda by Robin Turner. NTS 2023 is a special year after 20 years we've received some additional funding from the Heritage Fund to examine how we do, what we do.

Thinking about what BEFS model can - and should - look like for the future. We look forward to forming this with our Members and Associates - making sure BEFS is fit for the future, continually meeting sector need. Since 2003 the remit of built environment has shifted. Social movements have brought new perspectives to the fore. Covid changed our understanding of place interactions. Thinking around the climate has coalesced into national and supra national asks and terms. The economy and how and where we spend money has changed - from online expansion, to cost of living crises. Our work now encompasses far more than the bricks and mortar (or lime and sandstone) our originators may have imagined, but BEFS continues to support Members, Associates, and the wider sector. Informing, debating and advocating for the role our existing environment can, and does play in a sustainable future.

## BEFS 2003

• BEFS created - initially considering 'urban design issues'.

#### 2004

 BEFS aims include: increasing organisational capacity, financial sustainability, joint working, outreach and promoting policy.

#### 2009

**BEFS** gets first Director, Craig Stirrat.

Government consultation responses . include: Scottish Planning Policy and Action on Climate Change.

#### 2012

- Ministerial Summit - Demand for Traditional skills.
- SHEP review.

## 2017

Advocacy Toolkit published.

2010

**Congress on the** 

non-economic

value of places.

All workshop.

Sustainable Seas for

- **Congress** on Financing the Historic Environment.
- Supported the Glasgow and Edinburgh Built Environment Hustings.

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• 40 Members and Associates!

BEFS Fit for the Future award.

• OPOF (Our Past, Our Future)

· SIT launch.

launch.

### 2016

- **BEFS Heritage and Diversity Conference**, National Performance
  - Indicator, pre-1919 sites.

#### 2005

 2 workshops on Sustainable Development and the Built Environment.

## 2008

Scottish Historic Environment Policy (SHEP) first published.

2013

2007

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Historic Environment Working

Group (HEWG) established.

including National Planning

Framework, Listed Building

local authorities.

Consent and HEACS reports on

8 workshops and reports,

- RCAHMS and HS merger
- Historic Environment Strategy for Scotland draft consultation.
- NPF3 Consultation.

- Archeology Strategy
- **Resourcing Scotland's** Heritage partnership formed (BEFS, A&BS, MGS).

### 2014

- Measuring Success in the Historic Environment Sector consultation.
- SHEF was established to support OPiT (Our Place in Time).

2018 Board Diversity in Public and Third Sector Organization

- Formation of the **Tenemental Maintenance** Cross Party Working Group.
- Prioritisation Work starts.

#### 2022

- Culture and Heritage Manifesto led by MGS.
- **SCOTLIS 3** collaboration with the David Hume Institute.
- Scotland's New Historic
  - Environment Strategy consultation (later OPOF).
- Agriculture Bill consultation.

- The Scottish Government declares a Climate Emergency.
- The Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 went into effect, demanding the creation of the NPF4
- Built Heritage Investment Plan.
- Tenements Today, Tenements Tomorrow joint Conference including Voices from Scottish Tenements film.

Well Equipped Spaces in the Right Places report for CoS General Trustees.

- CHERF (Covid-19 Historic Environment Resilience Forum) convened.
- Surviving to Thriving, Business Support programme starts with MGS and greenspace scotland.

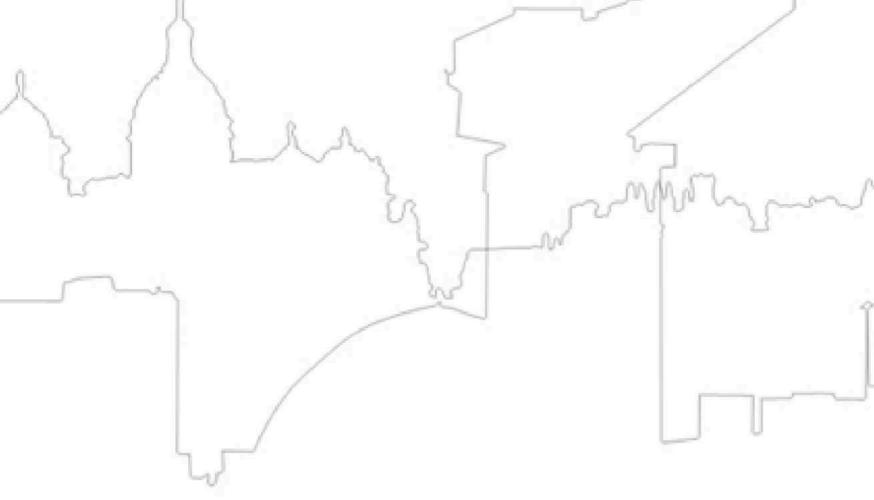
#### 2021 • POWF is created.

- Heat in Buildings Strategy published.
- · Professions Joint Statement: ICE, RTPI, RIAS, LI, RICS.
- NTS Portfolio Review partnership.
- NPF4 draft consultation.
- · Heritage and Sustainability film for Edinburgh Traditional Building Festival.

2019

2015

2020



As the strategic intermediary body working across policy and strategy for Scotland's built environment sector, BEFS draws together extensive expertise and knowledge on Scotland's existing built environment. BEFS Members and Associates reflect the breadth of places, professions, and passions across the sector.

Thank you for sharing 20 years with us!

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