

## Biography - Andy Willox OBE, Scottish Policy Convenor, Federation of Small Businesses

Andy Willox is Aberdeenshire born and bred. On leaving college, he worked on his family's farm before taking up a civilian post with the Ministry of Defence as a Welfare Officer. In 1979, Andy started up his own cleaning and property maintenance contractors business in Aberdeen. His business, Goldstar Cleaning Services, employs around 100 staff and he also owns a small guest-house. Andy is ably assisted by his son Scott (and business partner since 2009), daughter-in-law Rachel and wife Jackie.

Andy has been an active member of the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) since the mid 1990s and has served in various branch and regional positions including Branch Chairman and ROLO. He was the FSB's North-East of Scotland Regional Treasurer for 2 years before becoming Regional Chairman in 1998, serving until November 2002. He then represented the Region on National Council until 2007 when he was elected on to the Executive Board.

In 2003, Andy was elected to the position of FSB Scotland Policy Convenor, becoming a member of the FSB's National Policy Unit. Andy is a member of the Scottish Government's Small Business Consultative Group and for four years represented the FSB on the Government's Welfare to Work Ministerial Task-force.

Andy received an OBE for "Services to Small Businesses in Scotland" in 2006 and the following year he was appointed to the FSB's Executive Board. He was also appointed as Vice Chairman of the National Policy Committee in 2007.

In 2008, Andy was appointed to one of the Government's five Business/Economic Advisory boards representing small businesses and advising the Government on their behalf and in 2009 he was recognised for his work in the region when he was bestowed with the status of "Ambassador" for the City of Aberdeen.

Andy's other memberships include the Employment Legislation Committee of the Cleaning Support Services Association and the British Institute of Cleaning Science, and he is a Fellow of the Institute of Welfare Officers and a Burgess of Guild - City of Aberdeen.

In his spare time, Andy's interests include music, walking, reading, and spending time with his family.

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