



## **Alison Somerville – President**

**Alison has a background in textiles, but at the turn of the millennium, as globalisation was biting the UK textiles sector, she took the opportunity to join the family engineering business in a Business Development role on a short-term basis – or that was the plan at the time! 20 years on, she is proud and privileged to still be at the helm.**

With interests that span across science and art, this shows in her approach to life and leadership. Alison genuinely believes in people and relishes the opportunity to help support people through offering job security, stability and camaraderie. Completing an MBA some time ago, she is in the process of completing a Safety and Risk Management postgrad course. This academic background and belief in the value of togetherness and team spirit lends itself to her role as Team Lead of QHSE, Culture and Wellbeing team.

On a wider Leadership basis, Alison aspires to the '3P' or 'triple bottom line' business sustainability model and encourages others to consider it too – People, Planet and Profit, working together. This model is a pre-cursor to the Wellbeing Economy and is so relevant today.

Alongside her role as Vice President of Ayrshire Chamber, Alison volunteers on the steering group for 'Developing the Young Workforce, Ayrshire' and is on the Board of the Ayrshire Engineering Alliance.

### **Q: Do you have any skills or talents which people might not know about?**

I paint, mainly in oils. I'm not very good at it but time stands still when I paint. It's great therapy.

