

The Angela Adams Scholarship

The Angela Adams Scholarship is funded by the Scottish Government to honour the memory and legacy of the highly motivated and respected strategic planner, Angela Adams following her untimely death in 2020.

Angela Adams graduated from Strathclyde University in 2001 with a BA (Hons) in Geography and Planning and achieved a MA in Town and Country Planning from the Open University in 2004. Angela made increasingly valuable contributions to local and strategic planning in the public sector over her 20-year career which spanned student placements with Inverclyde and Renfrewshire councils, professional positions with the Scottish Executive's Geographical Information Service, Renfrewshire Council, Clydeplan Strategic Development Planning Authority, National Records of Scotland and finally with the Scottish Government.

Angela made a highly positive impact during her professional career at Clydeplan, making significant contributions to the Structure Plan, two consecutive Strategic Development Plans and also to their associated Housing Needs and Demands Assessments. She was instrumental as a secondee at National Records of Scotland, developing the first ever sub-council small area population and household projections for Scotland. During the final year of her life, Angela worked with the Scottish Government as the housing policy lead in the Planning and Architecture Division, contributing to the Planning (Scotland) Bill 2019 and undertaking ground-breaking work to inform the early preparation for the fourth National Planning Framework. Angela was keen to make a practical difference in the area of housing and planning while upholding the principles of fairness and equality.

Angela was renowned as a great organiser with exceptional attention to detail and professionalism whilst maintaining the ability to deliver clear and concise explanations and rationales. She was also a great collaborator, networker, truly thoughtful and caring person and a great colleague and friend to many. Her untimely death at age 40 is, and will continue to be, a significant loss to the housing and planning profession in Scotland.