**PM Speaker Biographies**

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| **Mark Beaumont**  Athlete, Broadcaster, Ambassador | Mark Beaumont is a record breaking long distance British cyclist, adventurer, broadcaster, documentary maker and author. He holds the record for cycling round the world, completing his 18,000-mile (29,000 km) route on 18 September 2017, having taken less than 79 days.  His documentaries, events and books about ultra-endurance and adventure have taken audiences to over 100 countries. Outside of sport and broadcasting, Mark is a business ambassador and speaker, as well as working with a number of charities and educational organisations.  In the 2018 New Year Honours, Beaumont was awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) "for services to sport, broadcasting and charity. |

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| **Brian Mark Evans**  Professor of Urbanism & Landscape, Glasgow School of Art  City Urbanist for Glasgow  Brian Evans copy | Brian Mark Evans is Professor of Urbanism and Landscape at the Mackintosh School of Architecture, Glasgow School of Art, Director of the Glasgow Urban Laboratory and in 2019 was invited to become City Urbanist for Glasgow.  He was previously Artistic Professor of Urban Design & Planning at Chalmers School of Architecture in Gothenburg and from 1990-2015 was a partner with Gillespies LLP, the international design practice where he developed the disciplines of landscape planning and urban design and pioneered ecological urbanism.  From 2005 until 2010 he was Deputy Chair & Chair of Design Review with Architecture & Design Scotland and before that an Enabler with the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) London.  He is a founding Director and Academician of the Academy of Urbanism, London. Dr. Evans is author, editor and contributor to numerous books and articles and speaks widely on the contemporary and future city, urbanism, urban design and landscape planning. |

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| **Monika Kosinska**  Regional Focal Point for WHO European Healthy Cities Network and Programme Manager, Governance for Health, WHO Regional Office for Europe  Ð ÐµÐ·ÑƒÐ»ÑŒÑ‚Ð°Ñ‚ Ð¿Ð¾ÑˆÑƒÐºÑƒ Ð·Ð¾Ð±Ñ€Ð°Ð¶ÐµÐ½ÑŒ Ð·Ð° Ð·Ð°Ð¿Ð¸Ñ‚Ð¾Ð¼ "monika kosinska" | | Monika Kosinska is the Regional Focal Point for the European Healthy Cities network. She is the Programme Manager for Governance for Health where she supports Member States across the European region in their development of national health strategies and plans by working to strengthen the understanding, development and implementation of mechanisms and instruments for improved governance for health and well-being for all. Monika joined the WHO in 2014 to take forward the development of the new Governance for Health Programme, which supports the implementation of the key objectives of the Health 2020, the European Policy and Strategy for Health and Well-being (improving equity and strengthening governance for health).  Before joining the WHO she was appointed Secretary General of the European Public Health Alliance (EPHA) in 2007, the largest public health civil society organization in the European Region, where she led the development of new approaches for public health governance in the European Union context, such as improved accountability mechanisms for public-private and civic engagement; public health engagement in economic governance; and participatory governance for health. She was appointed advisor to the former President of the European Commission, Jose-Manuel Barroso in 2012, as well as the as public health advisor to the Chief Negotiator of the Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) in 2013. She chaired the EU Health Policy Forum from 2008-2014, which provided strategic input to the European Commission, explicating addressing the meta-challenges for health and health systems and reported regularly to the Council of EU Ministers of Health. Monika was Chair of the Action for Global Health network from 2008-2010 and of the Civil Society Contact Group from 2010 until 2014, which is the largest umbrella network of civil society globally. Previously she worked in the private sector internationally, as well as for the UK national health service. She started her career working for the municipality of Liverpool in the United Kingdom, including with the Liverpool Capital of Culture and Healthy Cities teams. Monika Kosinska has Masters degree in International Peace and Security from King’s College, London, United Kingdom. | |
| **Professor Ian Gilzean FRIAS/RIBA**  Chief Architect  Scottish Government  cid:image001.jpg@01D51557.B753ACF0 | | Ian graduated in architecture from Edinburgh University in 1982.    He worked in architectural practice for a number of public sector organisations as well as in private practice, in London, Glasgow and Edinburgh. He also worked in community design units in Wester Hailes, Edinburgh and Drumchapel, Glasgow.  Ian joined the Scottish Executive in 1999 and became Chief Architect in 2006. He has responsibility for the development and implementation of ‘Creating Places’ the Scottish Government's policy on architecture and place.  From 2008-2016 he was a Visiting Professor in Architecture at the University of Strathclyde and is currently involved in teaching the Masters in Architecture and Urban Planning at Dundee University. | |

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| **Naomi Danquah**  Programme Director, Child Friendly Cities  UNICEF UK  C:\Users\johnh\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Outlook\GMY2J761\Naomi Danquah.jpg | As [UNICEF UK Child Friendly Cities & Communities](https://www.unicef.org.uk/child-friendly-cities/home/) Programme Director, Naomi leads a multi-disciplinary team to translate the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child into a practical, outcomes-focused framework for professionals working with children and young people across the UK - from policy makers and politicians to practitioners working at the frontline of children’s social care.    Prior to working at UNICEF UK, Naomi held roles developing and delivering national, transnational and community-based social change programmes for a range of large and small NGOs and the public sector, including programmes focused on tackling illiteracy and widening access to justice.    [unicef.org.uk/child-friendly-cities](https://www.unicef.org.uk/child-friendly-cities/home/)  [@UNICEF\_UK](https://twitter.com/UNICEF_uk?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor)  #ChildFriendlyCities |

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| **Professor John Ashton CBE**  **C:\Users\johnh\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Outlook\GMY2J761\IMG_5701.JPG** | John has a long history of innovation and leadership in public health.  Born in Liverpool in 1947 he studied medicine at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne. After initially specialising in Psychiatry, Primary Care and Sexual Health he moved into Public Health in the mid-1970’s as a postgraduate student at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.  Following a spell as a senior lecturer at the London School John returned to Liverpool where he rapidly established a reputation as a pioneer of the *New Public Health* with work on health promotion, teenage pregnancy, syringe exchange and a systematic approach to urban health inequalities. This led to his being one of the founders of the WHO Healthy Cities Project in 1986 and the projects first coordinator. Today John continues to advise WHO on Healthy Cities over 30 years later.  John was a member of the British delegation to Macedonia during the Kosovo emergency and has been prominent in the fight for justice for the 96 victims of the Hillsborough football disaster. He was appointed C.B.E. in the year 2000.  After 13 years as Regional Director of Public Health for the North West of England and 6 years in Cumbria, John was elected President of the Faculty of Public Health of the U.K. Royal Colleges of Medicine (2013-2016). Most recently he and his wife Maggi Morris have been working as senior public health advisers to Kensington and Chelsea and the survivors and bereaved of the Grenfell Tower tragedy.  John has just begun a new role as Senior Public Health Adviser to the Mersey Police and Crime Commissioner, former Minister for Northern Ireland, Jane Kennedy.  John holds chairs at a number of universities and public health schools and is the author of many scientific papers, articles and books. His new book ‘Practising Public Health’ will be published by Oxford University Press in December 2019. |

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| **Tressa Burke**  Chief Executive Officer  Glasgow Disability Alliance  C:\Users\johnh\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Outlook\GMY2J761\Tressa Burke photo for NHSHS.jpg | One of GDA’s founder members, Tressa has been CEO since 2006, steering GDA from its fledgling vision of supporting disabled people’s voices and tackling social isolation in 2001, to the multi-award-winning community of 5000 it is today. For over 25 years, Tressa has held senior leadership roles in third and public sector organisations developing people led programmes which build on disabled people’s strengths and increase capacity to participate and contribute to their own lives, communities and wider society.  A disabled person herself, Tressa has expertise around equalities issues, particularly disability equality as well as the cumulative impact of multiple discrimination e.g. disabled women and disabled LGBT people.  Through GDA, Tressa acts as strategic collaborator with and advisor to both Glasgow City Government and Scottish Government across a range of areas including inclusive participation. She is currently a member of the National Group working on Local Governance and Democracy and is Deputy Chair of the Disability and Carers’ Benefits Expert Advisory Group and Chair of the related Assessment Workstream Group providing independent advice to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Security. Tressa represents disabled women and girls on the First Minister’s Advisory Council and is currently a dedicated Board member of Inclusion Scotland, the national voice of disabled people. |

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| **John Howie**  Organisational Lead – Place  NHS Health Scotland | John joined NHS Health Scotland in July 2006 and is currently responsible for leading the Board’s place and [place standard](http://www.placestandard.scot/#/home) portfolios. He is public health adviser to the Scotland’s Towns Partnership Board and chair of the WHO Healthy Cities working group for Place, Health, Inequalities and Well-being.  Prior to joining Health Scotland John worked in local government (2002-2006) as health improvement lead for the Stirling Council and was responsible for the development and management of the Stirling Joint Health Improvement Plan and for initiating and securing Phase IV WHO Healthy City status for Stirling in 2004.  John’s NHS experience goes back to 1983 including 9 years in nursing and 8 years in health service and social care commissioning. His past research has focused on barriers to community and NHS services and has presented and delivered workshops on various public health topics across Europe. He has a Master of Public Health graduating from the University of Glasgow in 2000. |