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REVEALED: SCOTLAND'S TOP 50 WOMEN OF INFLUENCE

From sport to music to politics and fashion, here is our list of the inspirational figures who will shape our nation in 2012

50 JULIE FOWLIS, 32

An award-winning Gaelic singer, multi-instrumentalist and radio broadcaster from North Uist, Fowlis spreads her culture as an international ambassador. She was dubbed the first Scottish Gaelic crossover star after becoming BBC Radio 2 Folk Singer of the Year.

Watch out for: Her appearance at this month's Celtic Connections in Glasgow.

49 LOUISE MARTIN, 65

A competitive swimmer and a gymnastics team manager, Martin's leadership was crucial to bringing the Commonwealth Games to Glasgow. Now vice-chair of the organising committee, she is also the chair of the Sportscotland board.

Least likely to say: "It's only a game ..."

48 ANNA DOMINICZAK, 57

One of the world's top cardiovascular scientists and academics, with a research income of £30 million since 2008, Dominiczak is the first woman in the post of Regius Professor of Medicine and Therapeutics at the University of Glasgow, and directs the university's Glasgow Cardiovascular Research Centre

Most likely to say: "I heart my job."

47 KELLY MACDONALD, 35

Currently in HBO drama Boardwalk Empire, she is the most successful Scots actress on American TV – and

still lives in Glasgow. Having won fame in Trainspotting, she's appeared in Gosford Park, No Country For Old Men and received Emmy and Golden Globe nominations for her role in 2005's The Girl In The Cafe. **Most likely to say:** "Choose Glasgow. Choose HBO."

46 JO SWINSON, 31

Once the youngest MP in the Commons, Swinson won in East Dunbartonshire in 2005 and 2010. She hit headlines last year when she led the campaign against misleading beauty adverts. She is currently parliamentary private secretary to Vince Cable and deputy leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats.

Least likely to say: "Because I'm worth it."

45 KAREN CARGILL, 35

The Scottish mezzo-soprano is now a global opera star with an international reputation, having captured audiences by performances with some of the world's greatest orchestras.

Watch out for: Cargill making her debut at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York this spring.

44 LORRAINE KELLY, 52

She is on our television screens every morning as part of her ITV morning show, Lorraine, but Kelly, originally from East Kilbride, is also involved in a number of charities. She was awarded an OBE in the New Year

Honours list for her services to charity and to the armed forces.

Bet you didn't know: Kelly is a Dundee United fan and has been known to call football phone-ins to complain about refereeing decisions.

43 BRIDGET MCCONNELL, 53



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McConnell played an integral part in securing the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games. She is Chief Executive of Culture and Sport Glasgow, leading a staff of 2600 with a budget approaching £100m. She is married to former First Minister Jack McConnell. **Least likely to say:** What's a velodrome?

42 ANDREA CALDERWOOD, 46

The film and TV producer is the creative head of Slate Productions, which produced the Last King Of Scotland and BBC's The Field of Blood. She also produced the HBO mini-series Generation Kill. **Watch out for:** Her next project, a film version of John Le Carre's A Most Wanted Man.

41 KATH MAINLAND, 42

As chief executive of the world's biggest arts festival, The Edinburgh Festival Fringe, for three summers now, Mainland – originally from Orkney – oversaw record ticket sales last year in tough economic times. **Bet you didn't know:** Once threw actor Christian Slater out of the bar at the Assembly Rooms.





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40 KATE MAVOR, 49

The CEO of the National Trust for Scotland since 2009, Mavor took the helm at a challenging economic time. The Glasgow native, who studied at Oxford University, is using her past experience as chief executive of youth volunteer programme ProjectScotland and other management roles to increase membership, raise new funds and enhance communication to save at-risk properties.

Most likely to: Have the box set of Country House Rescue.

39 KARYN MCCLUSKEY. 45

The co-director of the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit – an initiative she helped found – is a UK expert on gangs, having cut gang violence in Glasgow by almost half. The forensic psychologist and former nurse's efforts have been cited by David Cameron in the wake of the London riots and she was instrumental in setting up Medics Against Violence. **Most likely to:** Write a Glasgow-based version of The Wire.

38 LINDA URQUHART, 52

The first female chair of Investors In People Scotland, Urquhart is also chair of Morton Fraser solicitors. An award-winning businesswoman, she was formerly the first woman to be chair of CBI Scotland and the first woman to become a managing partner in a Scottish law firm, earning her the nickname "first lady of law". Her work earned her an OBE in the New Year Honours List.

Most likely to: Hold her own in the board room.

37 MONA SIDDIQUI, 48

Having taught at <u>Glasgow University</u> for 15 years, and acted as the director of its Centre for the Study of Islam, Siddiqui has taken a new role as the first Muslim professor at the University of Edinburgh's School of Divinity. As professor of Islamic and interreligious studies, Siddiqui continues to further interfaith understanding through her regular Thought for the Day slot on Radio 4.

Watch out for: Siddiqui hosting an event in May on religious freedoms with guest speakers from around the world.

36 ANGELA CONSTANCE, 41

The SNP MSP for the Almond Valley constituency (formerly Livingston) since 2007, Constance – a former social worker and mental health officer – is now the Minister for Youth Employment, overseeing a

£30m budget to tackle the problem of jobless people aged 16 to 24.

Bet you didn't know: Constance claims to have been a nationalist since she was in primary 4.

35 LYNN HENDERSON, 46

As the Scottish Secretary for the Public and Commercial Services Union, one of the largest trade unions in the UK, Henderson has a key political role and leads more than 33,000 workers in the campaign against pension cuts.

Most likely to say: "All for one and one for all."

34 AMANDA MCMILLAN, 42

As managing director of Glasgow Airport, McMillan has steered the airport through a turbulent period, winning the support of business leaders in the city, defying expectations by returning the airport to growth this year thanks to new flight destinations – and making our holiday choices better in the process. **Most likely to say:** "We've reached our cruising altitude now."

33 SUE BRUCE, 55

The chief executive of City of Edinburgh Council for a year, she's one of the few officials to emerge from the city's trams fiasco with any credibility. Responsible for managing the second-largest council in Scotland, Bruce is accountable for the work of 17,000 staff.

Route to the top: Bruce has been in local government since 1976 and was formerly chief executive of Aberdeen City Council.

32 VICKY FEATHERSTONE, 44

The brains behind the National Theatre of Scotland, Featherstone, as founding artistic director and chief executive, is responsible for not only directing a raft of productions herself, but also for ensuring the company has a high national profile for its productions and reaches as wide an audience as possible.

Watch out for: An exciting programme for 2012 that sees the return of Alan Cumming in a new take on Macbeth.

31 JACKIE KILLEEN, 40

As the Scotland director for the Big Lottery Fund since last May, Killeen has one of the most important jobs in the voluntary sector, having responsibility for development of fund policy and distribution of cash to charities, helping people in need, and engaging with the Scottish Government.

Most likely to say: "Life is a lottery."

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► 30 EILEEN GALLAGHER, 51

As a founder and CEO of the TV production outfit Shed Media - behind hits such as Bad Girls and Footballers' Wives - Gallagher is one of the first ladies of television. Now back in Scotland with Waterloo Road, Gallagher is writing again and acting as an independent director on the Glasgow 2014 board, overseeing the opening and closing ceremonies. Watch out for: Stitched Up, a new drama for ITV set in a clothing factory.

29 MICHELLE MONE, 40

As the creator of the push-up Ultimo bra and founder and co-owner of the multimillion pound MJM International underwear business. Mone - who left school at 15 - is one of the UK's most successful businesswomen. A director of the Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust, she has over 100,000 Twitter followers and, last year, posted record profits for her company. She split from her husband before Christmas in a blaze of publicity.

Least likely to be seen wearing: A buttoned-up cardigan.

28 LIZ LOCHHEAD, 64

As Scotland's Makar, Lochhead pushes poetry as a core part of Scottish culture and promotes it at home and internationally as a cultural ambassador. She has influenced generations of younger writers in Scotland and continues to be a widely recognised author, translator, playwright and broadcaster.

Most likely to: Vote "yes" for an independent Scotland.

27 JACKIE HUNT, 43

Having proven herself in a deputy role at investment giant Standard Life, Hunt was made chief financial



officer in early 2010. She must ensure the company meets a £100m cost-saving target.

Least likely to say: "Put it on the credit card."

26 DAME JOAN STRINGER, 63

As the principal of Edinburgh Napier, Stringer was the first woman in charge of a Scottish university. Last year saw her take on a more public role, as convener of the International Committee of Universities Scotland, arguing against the introduction of tougher visa restrictions for overseas students.

Most likely to say: "I've got to get home for University Challenge."

25 LIZ CAMERON, 55

As chief executive of the Scottish Chambers of Commerce, Cameron is constantly engaging with top politicians and is a key commentator on the economy, on issues such as high-speed rail and the Scottish Government's ambitions to take control of corporation tax. An innovator in helping young people into business, she is also outspoken on the dangers of rising youth unemployment.

Most likely say: "There's no such word as 'can't'."

24 NOSHEENA MOBARIK

As the chair of Scotland's most powerful business lobbying group, CBI Scotland, when Mobarik speaks up - on issues such as the need for more women in boardrooms - people listen. The first Scots Asian and only the second woman - to take on the position, she is a successful businesswoman in her own right, as joint chief executive of M Computer Technologies. Bet vou didn't know: She was Scotland's first Asian woman to get an OBE for services to business.

23 GILLIAN BERRIE. 45

Berrie has put Glasgow at the heart of Scotland's film and TV industry as co-director of Sigma Films (Perfect Sense) and as founder of Film City Glasgow. Tastemaker of the Year at the Scottish Style Awards, she also brought Scarlett Johansson here for the film of Michel Faber's Under The Skin.

Most likely to say: "Glasgow is the new Hollywood.'

22 JUDY MURRAY, 52

The mother and guiding force behind Scotland's top tennis player is also the new Fed Cup captain, making her the tsar for British women's tennis. Outspoken on issues such as sexism in sport, Murray champions the growth of tennis and sport in Scotland.

Least likely to say: "I'm a very hands-off mother."

21 MUFFY CALDER, 53

Calder is a University of Glasgow professor in computing science, and Dean of Research in Science and Engineering. Her extensive work in computer science, research and past collaborations with world-leading companies saw her earn an OBE last year.

Most likely to: Know how to use her iPhone.

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20 KIRSTY WARK, 56

One of the most high-profile women in broadcasting, Dumfries-born Wark has interviewed everyone from Margaret Thatcher to Madonna and regularly confronts top politicians on Newsnight, which she's presented since 1993. She also presents The Review Show, which is filmed in Glasgow.

Watch out for: Her new BBC food show, A Question Of Taste.

19 HOLLY FULTON, 34

A graduate of Edinburgh's Royal College of Art, designer Fulton has racked up awards and critical praise with bold graphic-print collections. Her standout seasons at London Fashion Week, combined with creativity and business acumen, have earned her a solid position in the fashion firmament.

Least likely to say: "I'm going for a minimal look."

18 DONALDA MACKINNON, 51

As head of programmes and services for BBC Scotland, Mackinnon, from Harris, decides what we watch – and when. Responsible for BBC Scotland's entire output, the fluent Gaelic speaker has been with the corporation for more than 20 years.

Island connection: Mackinnon is married to Seumas MacInnes, from Barra, restaurateur, author and owner of Cafe Gandolfi and Gandolfi Fish.

17 DR LENA C WILSON, 47

Having risen to become chief executive of Scottish Enterprise – one of the most high-profile public-sector jobs – Wilson directly influences economic development and spearheads trade missions around the world. With a career spanning over 20 years, in a variety of roles, she is also on the boards of various charity trusts

Most likely to: Still have a tan from her recent fact-finding trip to whisky-loving Brazil.

16 RUTH DAVIDSON, 33

The new leader of the Scottish Conservative Party is not only young but is also a newcomer – having only been an MSP since last May. The former journalist who was inspired by David Cameron's call to get involved in politics is now in a position of power – though where that will lead is yet to be seen.

Woman of action: She used to be in the TA and took the entrance exam for Sandhurst.

15 CAROL ANN DUFFY, 56

As the UK's first female – and first Scottish – poet laureate (a position she's had since 2009), Duffy enjoys clout beyond the dreams of most poets, often tackling political issues – like the expenses scandal – as well as that of gender, oppression and violence. Her latest collection, The Bees, recently won the

Costa Poetry Award and is in the running for Book of the Year later this month.

Look out for: A permanent new work by Duffy as part of London 2012's Olympic Park.

14 ANNIE LENNOX, 57

Arguably the UK's most successful female solo artist, the Aberdeen-born former Eurhythmics singer with the striking androgynous looks has a global reach thanks to her music and passion for humanitarian causes. She was estimated to have a £30 million fortune in the Sunday Times Rich List of 2010 and her daughter Tali is a catwalk sensation.

Most likely to: Start a mutual appreciation society with Bono and Sir Bob Geldof.

13 HELENA KENNEDY QC, 61

As a barrister, broadcaster, patron, social reformer and Labour member of the House of Lords, Kennedy's influence is widespread. A champion of civil liberties and human rights, this outspoken Glaswegian often rebels against the party line. She has worked on some of the most prominent court cases and been an adviser to the Government and other bodies.

Bet you didn't know: Kennedy is good at rollerblading and was taught by Ruby Wax.

12 LYNNE RAMSAY, 42

The Glaswegian film director, who found success with acclaimed early movies such as Ratcatcher, is back in the limelight with her self-directed and co-written film, We Need To Talk About Kevin. It's tipped for an Oscar nomination. 2012 is set to be a big year for Ramsay.

Most likely to say: "We need to talk about acceptance speeches."

11 MARGARET "MAGGIE" SCOTT QC, 51

As the lawyer representing some of the most controversial defendants of recent years – including the man convicted of the Lockerbie bombing, Abdelbaset Ali Mohmed al-Megrahi – Scott is no stranger to the media glare. Outspoken and sometimes rebellious, she views controversial cases as potential catalysts for law development and reform. **Bet you didn't know:** She was born in Nairobi and has lived in squats.

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▶ 10 TILDA SWINTON, 51

As one of Scotland's handful of Oscar-winning stars, Swinton is just as comfortable on the red carpet in Los Angeles as hosting an independent film festival in Nairn, where she lives. With multiple award nominations for her role in We Need To Talk About Kevin, the actress is set for a cracking 2012.

Bet you didn't know: Swinton was in the same class as Diana, Princess of Wales, at her girls' school.

9 JOHANN LAMONT, 54

She's the new Scottish Labour Leader tasked with the challenge of revitalising the party in the face of an SNP majority in the wake of last year's Scottish election. A former teacher from Anderston, Glasgow, Lamont faces a tough fight to make Labour, once again, Scotland's party of choice.

Least likely to: Do brunch with Alex Salmond.

8 JK ROWLING, 46

As the force behind the Harry Potter books – the reason why millions of boys and girls fell in love with reading – Rowling single-handedly revitalised children's fiction. As the phenomenon continues – with two new themed attractions set to open – Rowling is funding a research clinic into MS and other neurodegenerative diseases to open in Edinburgh next year.

Least likely to say: Put that book down and go and play outside.

7 KAREN H VOUSDEN, 54

Vousden's research into the P53 protein has made her a world authority in the battle against cancer and tumour suppression. She is the director of Glasgow's Beatson Institute for Cancer Research and Professor of Cancer Biology at Glasgow University. Her services to clinical science earned her a CBE in 2010. **Least likely to:** Listen to Cigarettes and Alcohol by Oasis.

6 JUSTINE CURRAN, 44

Arguably the most powerful policewoman in Scotland, mother-of-two Curran became the first female chief constable of Tayside Police in 2010. Tipped to one day head Scotland's future single police force, Curran formerly held a top job in the Greater Manchester Police, where she was praised by the Home Secretary for her efforts during the UEFA cup riots.

Least likely to: Sing I Predict A Riot at the karaoke.

5 ANN GLOAG, 69

The co-founder of Stagecoach, Gloag is one of the richest women in Britain – and the most charitable. Her many philanthropic duties include her Freedom From Fistula Foundation, which she started in 2008 to provide care to women in Africa injured in childbirth, and for which she recently won the prestigious Eleanor Roosevelt Val-Kill award.

Most likely to: Use her free bus pass.

4 LADY SUSAN RICE, 65

As the MD of Lloyds Banking Group, Scotland, Rice is one of the most powerful women in banking. She has a string of cultural credits, including chair of the world's largest literary festival, the Edinburgh International Book Festival, and the Festivals Forum.

Most likely to say: "I'm one of the good bankers."

3 EMELI SANDE, 24

If 2011 was Adele's year, 2012 is set to be <u>Emeli Sande</u>'s. The prodigiously talented singer-songwriter from Aberdeenshire will be handed the Critics' Choice award at The Brits in February, given by music experts to the act most likely to make it big in 2012. She's already got a No1 single under her belt as guest on Professor Green's Read All About It, and reached No2 in her own right in August with the hauntingly lovely Heaven. Her debut album, Our Version Of Events, is out next month, so expect February to be Emeli-fest.

At only 24, she has written songs for acts as diverse as Susan Boyle and Tinie Tempah, not to mention Leona Lewis and Cheryl Cole. Simon Cowell calls her his favourite songwriter of the moment but more importantly she's the first credible urban act that Scotland has produced.

Sande (real name Adele; she switched to Emeli, her second name, following the meteoric rise of the Someone Like You singer) was brought up in Alford and went to Alford Academy where her father Joel teaches technology and leads the school choir. She has a neuroscience degree from Glasgow University and studied medicine before concentrating on her music career, so she has other talents to fall back on if the music doesn't work out.

The way things are looking right now, she'll need them about as much as Cowell needs assertiveness training.

Watch out for: Imitation blonde quiffs filling the streets of Scotland.

2 PROF ANNE GLOVER, 54

Scotland's energetic chief scientific adviser, Prof

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Glover was made Europe's first ever chief scientific adviser last month, a position carrying an unprecedented degree of influence over European Union policy on the environment, climate change and health.

European Commission president Jose Manuel Barroso, who selected the Aberdeen University

professor of molecular and cell biology for the role, described her as the "stand-out candidate".

She will be expected to help drive Commission plans to involve scientists and researchers to a much greater extent in tackling challenges like climate change, energy security and health.

Prof Glover started advising the Scottish Government in 2006, championing science, engineering and technology. A strong communicator she has been tireless in stressing the importance of science to Scotland's economic future and, dismayed by surveys showing that many schoolchildren aspire merely to be famous, she has set out to overturn misconceptions among young people about her field, stressing that a career in science is satisfying, rewarding and, yes, even fun.

Alongside that role, she has continued to do research in her Aberdeen lab, conducting experiments with microbes. Highlights of her past research include modifying microorganisms so that they glow in the dark, making it possible to track them as they sniff out environmental contamination.

A keen sailor, she has sailed around the west coast and across to Norway with her husband, retired industrial developer lan George, but is unlikely to have much free time after moving to Brussels.

Least likely to say: "I'm bored of Frozen Planet – can we watch The X Factor?"

1 NICOLA STURGEON, 41

The Deputy First Minister is Scotland's second most powerful politician, but her career hasn't peaked yet. The heir presumptive to Alex Salmond as SNP leader Sturgeon has won respect across the political spectrum since becoming a minister in 2007. With decades of public service ahead of her, she's odds on to become Scotland's First Minister one day.

As Health Secretary, Sturgeon has undoubtedly benefited from the legacy of high spending on the NHS by the previous Labour-LibDern government, but she has been dealt her share of curved balls.

She subdued critics early on with her assured management of MRSA and C-difficile outbreaks. The relative lack of headlines about the NHS in recent months, in spite of cuts elsewhere in the public sector, is testament to Sturgeon's deft handling of her brief.

She successfully argued for the health service to be protected from the axefalls slicing away at other departments' budgets, so that health still accounts for a third of the Scottish Government's finances.

Sturgeon suffered a setback over minimum alcohol pricing in the last parliament, but managed to turn defeat into the sweetest kind of victory by announcing plans to reintroduce the bill after the SNP won an outright majority in May. Her stance has been vindicated by news that David Cameron is considering a similar measure. Her tenacious pursuit of the policy won her her third Donald Dewar Debater Of The Year award in November.

It has been a good year for Sturgeon the campaigner, having increased her majority in her newly redrawn Glasgow Southside seat, which she originally won as Glasgow Govan in 2007. That victory breached Labour's defences in its west of Scotland heartland and set the scene for the SNP's stunning gains in the 2011 elections, including five out of eight Glasgow seats and three in Lanarkshire. This year, the former solicitor from Irvine will be helping spearhead the SNP's assault on that once impregnable Labour citadel, Glasgow City Chambers, and gearing up for the forthcoming independence referendum campaign.

With the economic outlook bleak, however, this year is likely to be tougher than last for Sturgeon. There could be trouble ahead in the NHS with reductions in the workforce starting to cause concern, and the health secretary's intention to merge adult health and social care functions, while laudable in its aims, is a bureaucratic nightmare in the making.

Least likely to say: "C'mon England!"

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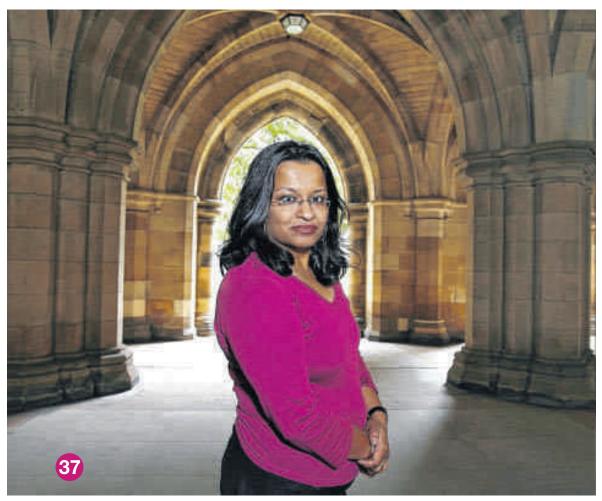
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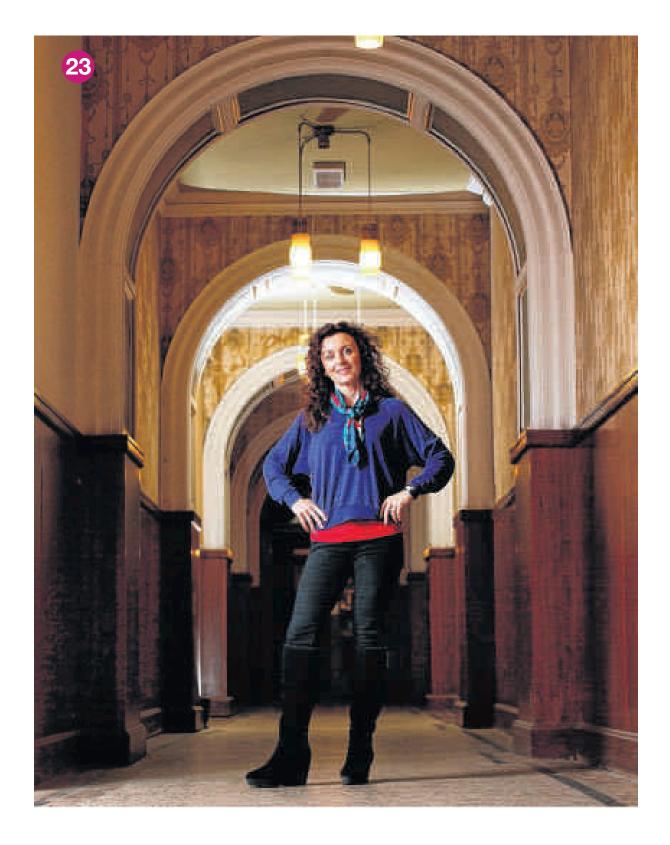
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