



**WOMEN IN  
SCOTTISH AQUACULTURE**

## WiSA NEEDS A NEW HOME

WiSA is looking for a new host organisation to fund or fund-raise in order to administer and deliver our key initiatives alongside our advisory group. If you share our vision and passion, then please come and speak with us about how you can help make sure WiSA continues to exist.

### **WHAT IS WiSA?**

We are a professional network that exists to encourage and develop women in all parts of the Scottish aquaculture sector (finfish, shellfish, seaweed; commercial, academic, NGO and governmental) by offering a vibrant interpersonal network and key career development initiatives. These are:

- Mentoring
- WiSA awards
- Events and training
- Online knowledge-sharing (WiSA interview series etc)

### **WHO LEADS WiSA?**

WiSA is a grassroots organisation founded by the CEO of the Sustainable Aquaculture Innovation Centre (SAIC) and a group of volunteers from industry, academia and government who make up the advisory group. This community of people guides WiSA to ensure it always meets the needs of women in the Scottish sector.

## HOW IS WiSA DELIVERED?

Since its inception six years ago, WiSA has been administered and delivered by SAIC using in-house expertise and time, in combination with cash sponsorship from industry and government.

As a professional organisation, WiSA needs dedicated expertise to continue. To date, WiSA has been delivered using:



Financial resources through cash sponsorship by industry and grant sponsorship by the Scottish Government



People including advisory group time; SAIC time, energy and expertise



A host organisation (currently SAIC) that administers and organises WiSA

## WHAT TIMELINE FOR TRANSFER CAN A PROSPECTIVE HOST EXPECT?

SAIC has committed to taking the following actions to support the transition of WiSA to another delivery partner. **Unless a new delivery partner is identified, WiSA will cease to exist later this year.**

June, July 2024

Hold meetings to discuss the initiatives, time and costs of delivering WiSA with prospective WiSA host organisations

Aug 2024

Identify new host organisation and begin handover to new lead organisation who will administer WiSA

Sep 2024

Conclude handover to new lead organisation

If you are interested to know more, then please come and speak with us about how you can support WiSA continuing to exist and be delivered in the future.

You'll find us at **Stand F2** at Aquaculture UK, right next to the conference area, or, after the event, you can contact us on [wisa@sustainableaquaculture.com](mailto:wisa@sustainableaquaculture.com).

To express an interest or find out more about hosting WiSA please scan the QR code.

