

DRUPAL SCOTLAND - CHAIR'S REPORT 2026

It's my pleasure to present this chair's report to members, though I must begin by acknowledging the considerable gap since our last AGM. The pandemic had a significant impact on Drupal Scotland, and like many organisations, we struggled to regain our momentum in its aftermath. However, I'm delighted to report that the past couple of years have seen a real reinvigoration of our community.

Drupal Camp Scotland 2024

The turning point came with Drupal Camp Scotland 2024. This event proved to be the catalyst we needed, bringing the community back together and rekindling the enthusiasm that has always characterised Drupal in Scotland. The camp was a genuine success, and its impact extended beyond the event itself.

Community Meetups

Attendees from the 2024 camp took the initiative to restart the Drupal Drinks meetups, and I'm particularly pleased to see regular gatherings re-established in Edinburgh. These informal meetups are the lifeblood of our community, and it's wonderful to see them thriving.

Drupal Camp Scotland 2025

Last year saw another successful Drupal Camp, one that holds particular significance for me as it was the first I was unable to attend, and the first I didn't lead the organisation. Aaron McHale stepped up to take the reins, and I'm pleased to say he discovered just how much work is involved in organising such an event! In all seriousness, Aaron did an excellent job, and the feedback from attendees was outstanding. My sincere congratulations go to Aaron and everyone who contributed to making the camp such a success.

Looking Back, Looking Forward

This year marks nearly 15 years since Drupal Scotland, or more formally, the Scottish Drupal Association, was founded in April 2011 at the second DrupalCamp Scotland. I've had the privilege of serving as chair throughout this entire period, and it's been a remarkable journey. We've organised some excellent camps and events, and built a community to be genuinely proud of.

However, the time has come for fresh leadership. I will be stepping down as chair and will not be standing for re-election to the committee. Rob Carr, who has served as treasurer since inception, is also standing down this year. Rob's commitment to Drupal Scotland has been exceptional. Beyond providing the financial stewardship the organisation needed, his wise counsel and balanced perspective have helped keep us on the straight and narrow over the past 15 years. His contribution cannot be overstated.

Drupal Scotland is in good health, we've weathered the pandemic, we're rebuilding our activities, and there's real energy in the community again. I'm excited to see what the next chair and committee will achieve in the years ahead.