



**Dr Sue Thomas**

I would appreciate the opportunity to represent the School of Textiles and Design, and to contribute to the Senate. As a newcomer to Heriot Watt and Scotland, I believe I bring a broad overview and fresh insights. Currently, I am Ethics Officer for the School and a member of UREC. I have media experience as a commentator and broadcaster both locally and internationally. I have taught fashion theory and practice in Aotearoa New Zealand and Melbourne, Australia and for several years at Birmingham City University. I advocate for ethics, inclusion and sustainability within teaching and the fashion and textiles industry via public engagement and knowledge exchange. I teach at undergraduate, postgraduate levels and supervise a PhD candidate. Research led teaching is an important aspect of my delivery. In addition, wherever I have taught I initiated and maintained strong relationships with industry to develop course content, sponsorships and internships. I believe my experience, research, interests, sense of humour and potential contribution could be useful to the Senate.