

Tentative Title for presentation Arctic Spirit: Art, Community and Education.

Abbreviated CV

Glen Coutts trained at Glasgow School of Art and Jordanhill College of Education in Scotland. He taught art and design in secondary (high) schools for 10 years and has spent the last 25 years or so in universities, in teacher education and in community-based art and environmental education. He is currently Professor of Applied Visual Arts at the University of Lapland in Finland. He was Reader in art and design education at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow until April 2010. A Past President of the National Society of Education in Art and Design (2006-7), he writes regularly about issues in art education and is Vice President of the International Society for Education through Art (2014- 2017). In his role as Vice President, he is responsible for coordinating three working groups: research, praxis and publications. . In addition, he coordinates the applied visual arts group of the [Arctic Sustainable Arts and Design](#) network - a research focus network of the University of the Arctic. Coordinating the [Relate North](#) symposia, exhibitions and publications is also a part of his work.

Prof. Coutts is Principal Editor of the *International Journal of Education through Art*. His teaching and research focuses on the interface between formal and informal art education and, particularly, the pedagogical potential of community based art practices. . In 2016, he was awarded the Ziegfeld Award for outstanding international leadership in art education by the United States Society for Education through Art.