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**Juan Carlos Soto**

**Short career overview:**

I am a business and engineering consultant with experience in product development, early stage companies and company direction. I have worked for major multinationals, as well as for small and medium size companies in energy, oil & gas, aerospace and software.

I am a Mechanical Engineer with a Master's degree, member of the Institute of Directors and Chartered Engineer. During my career I have worked in Chile, Canada, England and Scotland.

**What is your connection to Edinburgh Steiner School:**

I have been part of the school for the past 6 years, when my eldest daughter joined kindergarten; her two sisters have followed her, and are currently in the lower school and kindergarten. Both my wife and I are big supporters of Steiner education and hold the Edinburgh Steiner School in high regard. We have always tried to be as active as possible within the school, where my wife has been convener for number years. Both of us have attended several lectures and courses at the school.

**What do you feel makes ESS special/relevant in the 21<sup>st</sup> century:**

We are living in an age where every industry is being constantly transformed by technology, frequently changing our daily lives and work. How do we deal with that as parents? What type of education should our children receive to be happy and thrive in this world?

I feel the Steiner education is giving my daughters a rich and curious mind, a strong body and a creative spirit. The broad education, the feeling of the arts and the connection with nature root them to the world and prepares them well for an ever changing future.

**How do you feel your skills/experience can contribute to/support the school:**

I feel that my experience in management and company direction is relevant to the role of trustee. Also, I have attended training with the Institute of Directors. Therefore, my aim is to be able to put that knowledge and experience at the service of the school.