## **Alex Welsh**

Alex completed a degree in business management in London followed by an MA in Global Development at the University of Leeds.

Passionate about the outdoors, especially helping young people access it, Alex led the University of London Mountaineering Club and later worked in schools across London helping students organise self-designed challenges including cycling from Land's End to John O'Groats.

Now working for a social investment company, Alexlooks after a portfolio of 45 capital grants to youth centres across England, a role which has built experience in charity governance, sustainability, financial oversight, and working with community organisations.

Alex said: "I'm particularly interested in sustainable land use and rural regeneration, shaped by my early exposure to projects like Incredible Edible Todmorden. I'm excited to contribute to a charity like Friends if the Dales working to protect and promote the Dales while improving access for all."