

Hartlepool Free School

Make It Different Trust - pen portraits

CEO, CFO Members and Trustees

Role and Name	Experience and Expertise
<p>Janine Leopard Member 03/02/2021</p>	<p><u>Areas of specialism:</u> Children and Young People's Mental Health</p> <p>Specific knowledge relating to children's mental health and support needed in education to promote better outcomes.</p> <p><u>Relevant employment:</u> The Link</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Service Manager Dates: January 2015 to date ● Deputy Service Manager Dates: Jan 2014 – Dec 2015 ● Office Manager Dates December 2012 – December 2013
<p>Harry Smith Member 16/05/2023</p>	<p><u>Areas of specialism:</u> Governance, leadership, procurement, community, education, Trusts. Harry attends a number of public voluntary committees weekly including being an experienced member of Stockton Independent Review Panels for Permanent Exclusions. A retired individual committed to public life.</p>
<p>Richard Hasthorpe Member 08/05/2024</p>	<p>Richard is a governor at King Edwin School and at Oxbridge School. He is a Trustee for Friends of Ropner Park and founder of the Stockton branch of Men's Shed, a charity which is part of a national chain of charities supporting men into positive activity and providing support for a number of community ventures. Richard, a retired fire chief is a knowledgeable and dedicated individual, experienced at all levels of Trust activity and school governance. He will be a considerable asset to members, aware of the importance and the boundaries of the role.</p>
<p>Patrick Sullivan Member 23/10/2020</p>	<p><u>Areas of specialism:</u> Corporate leadership, Compliance, Regulatory frameworks, Ofsted</p> <p><u>Relevant employment:</u> Head of Compliance, Caretech Community Services</p>

	Regulatory Inspection Manager, Ofsted Service Manager, Suffolk County Council
Christine Williams Member 08/05/2024	Christine is employed at King Edwin School as Associate Principal, Operations and Safeguarding and carries out the roles of Designated Safeguarding Lead and SENCO – she has significant experience in SEN, with EHCPs and with liaison with families and agencies. Christine has a long career in Further and Higher Education, working for a local college which also had Higher Education provision for around 20 years before joining King Edwin. Christine is also a governor at a local primary school with high levels of deprivation, and is a trained lay preacher.
Stephen McGee Trustee 23/10/2020 (Member appointee)	<p><u>Areas of specialism:</u> Finance; Health and Safety; Leadership; Project management; risk</p> <p>Significant experience of leadership including project management and funding management across a large number of care and education provisions in England and Scotland.</p> <p>Providing oversight, leadership and challenge to support new managers and school leaders in opening new schools and residential care homes across Scotland and England.</p> <p><u>Relevant employment:</u> Managing Director, Spark of Genius</p>
Christine Fewster Trustee 09/01/2023 (Member appointee)	<p><u>Areas of specialism:</u> SEN, Parental support and engagement, fundraising, leadership and management, Charity management.</p> <p>Christine is a Fellow Chartered Manager registered with Chartered Managers Institute and is Chief Executive Officer at Hartlepool Carers Charity. Christine has many years of experience within the Health and Social Care Sector and has previously owned her own Community Care Company employing over 60 local people. She has lived experience of being a parent to her two sons who have a rare neurological condition resulting in learning and physical disabilities and she supports other families throughout their journey.</p> <p>Christine has led Hartlepool's Parent Led Forum for over 10 years and passionate to bring about positive change for families living in the town.</p> <p>She has developed many successful projects in Hartlepool to ensure people living with long term conditions and/or disabilities can live meaningful lives.</p> <p>In 2021, Christine led Hartlepool Carers team to receive Queens Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award within the UK for the charity sector.</p>

<p>Joanna Bailey Trustee/ Chair of Trust</p> <p>26/09/2019 (Member appointee)</p>	<p><u>Areas of specialism:</u> Leadership and management including governance in a MAT; State funding systems; Progression and careers; SEMH</p> <p>Retired CEO of a successful trust, Tees Valley Collaborative Trust, bringing a wealth of governance and leadership. Over 20 years' experience as Principal at 3 colleges including high performing sixth form college and an inclusive provision with SEND setting.</p> <p><u>Relevant employment:</u> CEO Tees Valley Collaborative Trust and Principal Prior Pursglove and Stockton Sixth Form College Dates: Jan 16-Present Principal Stockton Sixth Form College Dates: August 2013-Jan 2016 Principal Winstanley College Dates: Jan 09-August 13</p>
<p>Kush Kumar Trustee</p> <p>16/05/2023 (Member appointee)</p>	<p><u>Areas of specialism:</u> Adult, Children and Young People's Mental Health, Education Leadership</p> <p>Significant experience of national and international research in mental health and holistic therapies. Significant experience in education management.</p> <p>Relevant employment: CEO, Think Tree Hub Education Manager, Stockton Riverside College</p>
<p>Wendy Pattison CFO and Company Secretary</p>	<p><u>Areas of specialism:</u> Governance, Academy Financial Management and regularity, H&S, IT Security, HR, Premises Management, Leadership.</p> <p>Significant experience in a single school Trust with a large secondary school and extensive premises, Wendy's expertise spans a large remit. She also provides governance and structures training and CPD for Local Authorities across the North East.</p> <p>Relevant employment: CFO/Finance Director, Excel Academy Partnership, previously Business Director at Sandhill View School. Prior to this Wendy worked in procurement and led the finance team for Sunderland Local Authority Education Department.</p>
<p>Lorna McLean CEO and Trustee</p> <p>30/11/2023 (Member appointee)</p>	<p><u>Area of specialism:</u> Education Leadership, SEMH, Safeguarding, Teacher Development, leadership development, school improvement, post 16 education.</p> <p>Principal of King Edwin School (Independent SEMH school) 2016 to date. Leadership in a large FE college from 2007-2016 in a range of leadership roles including careers, high needs student support,</p>

	<p>safeguarding, student services and support.</p> <p>A Trustee for another large Trust with extensive experience as Chair of Governors at Bishopton PRU.</p>
<p>Sally Hudson</p> <p>Trustee (in processing) (Co-opted by Trustees)</p>	<p>Sally is a highly experienced head teacher of a local Pupil Referral Unit in Darlington, Rise Carr College. Sally has experience across all aspects of education including previously establishing Apollo Studio Academy in Peterlee, post 16 experience as VP of East Durham College, with other senior leadership roles held in the same establishment across the ten years spent there. Sally is also an experienced governor, currently as chair for a Durham Primary school, a role which she is about to step down from after a significant tenure. Sally's expertise in school leadership, safeguarding, governance and Trust development will be a considerable asset.</p>
<p>Jake Heightley</p> <p>Trustee (in processing) (Co-opted by Trustees)</p>	<p>Jake is a teacher of Law at a Northeast 6th Form college and is very committed to education and the impact it can have, having seen it first hand as a pupil in a school which was put into special measures. Jake was previously employed as an Assistant Director at Kip McGrath Learning Centre, teaching GCSE English to a range of young people. Jake is passionate about equality and supporting pupils with additional needs and put himself forward as a governor / Trustee originally both to contribute to an educational establishment working with challenging pupils and to further develop himself as a leader in education. Jake has extensive curriculum development experience and knowledge and will bring a great deal of support and challenge to the Free School team. At such a point that the Trust develop an LGB model, Jake would be an excellent consideration as Chair of the LGB.</p>

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