

Current Trustees as of 21-6-19

Alison Kriel: *Chief Executive Officer*



Alison was born in South Africa and as a child attended schools in various African countries, as well as Ireland and England. She has always taught in Hackney schools because she loves the diversity of the community. Alison was the founder head teacher of Betty Layward School. As head teacher she managed its development from a 90 pupil Early Years school to a very popular and successful 2 form entry primary school for 450 pupils. Alison's leadership skills were described as outstanding by Ofsted. Alison joined Northwold School in 2008, initially as an interim post to support it during some challenging times and to prepare it for an overdue Ofsted inspection. She became the substantive head teacher in 2009. When Alison took over Northwold there was only

50% permanent staff, 64% staff attendance, falling pupil roll and the school was one of the lowest achieving schools in the country. Under Alison's leadership the school has a full list of permanent staff members with 98% attendance, an oversubscribed pupil roll and is the highest performing school in Hackney and in the top 5 in London. Northwold is a Gold Club member for second year running and recently received one of the national Pupil Premium award.

Alison is the founder Executive Principal for a new Multi-Trust Academy – Amaya Trust which converted on 1st April 2015.

Annie Gammon



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Experience of education and governance: I am pleased to be a trustee at Amaya Trust as I want to be able to contribute my skills, knowledge, experience, integrity and beliefs to the journey of the Trust over the coming period. I recognize the current position of the Trust and linked school and I believe I will bring value to the Board. I will bring my experience of local secondary education, of OFSTED inspection, of Hackney education and systems to the group. I have been involved in education in North East London for thirty years – with the great majority of that time being in leadership roles. In addition to my roles in schools I have been on the committee

of a national subject organization, helped set up a national advisory committee on mathematics, work as an OFSTED inspector and have been involved in local authority headteacher groups. I am currently Director of Education for Hackney. Since April 2018 I have been a trustee of the local mental health charity Safaplace; I was a founding member of this group.

Stuart Dixon



Stuart is a Chief Operating Officer for a multi-academy Trust and prior to that worked for a large inner London local authority in the Children and Young Peoples Services Department where he was the Capital Programme Manager working on academy conversions and delivering asset management services as well as providing a client-management function for facilities management in schools.

He has recent experience as Chair of Governors for a high performing primary school and as Governor for a NHS Mental Health and Community Foundation Trust. He has held a number of strategic leadership roles within local authority housing departments; a central government funding and regulatory organisation; the voluntary housing sector where he was Director of

Housing and Company Secretary for a special needs housing association, and also within the private sector as a management consultant.

In his current role he leads on health and safety, risk management, procurement, IT and Board administration functions.

Bernie McDonnell:



Bernie brings significant management experience gained in leading public sector and commercial bodies, including Thomas Cook and British Airways. For the last ten years, he has worked in organisations including Papworth Trust who support people with disabilities to improve their employment prospects. Bernie also has school governance experience in Peterborough.

Additional trustees as of 12-3-19

Ehsan Razavizadeh:

Ehsan is a Senior Advisor for Government and NGOs at The London Institute of Banking and Finance (LIBF). He is also Partner at the Westminster Partners Group. Prior to this, he was the Founding Director for the MENA region and Head of Dubai Centre at City, University of London and its Cass Business School for nearly 10 years.

He is a leader with strong entrepreneurial skills and talent for start-ups and new business development. His management work experience has been in higher education, family business, charity and not-for-profit, consulting, auditing and project management in a number of countries including the United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates and Germany. Some of the companies that Ehsan has worked with include London Business School, Dubai International Financial Centre Authority, KFC, Advanced Institute of Management Research, Cancer Research UK.

In May 2016, Ehsan received an award for his outstanding contribution to establish and the significant growth of Sir John Cass Business School and City, University of London in the MENA region.

He holds a 1st class degree in Business Administration. He is an *alumnus* of Sir John Cass Business School, having completed a Master of Science in Auditing & Management. His degree's dissertation was about the expansion of Cass to the MENA region in general and Dubai in particular. In 2012, Ehsan completed the Entrepreneurial University Leadership course, which is a pioneering executive development programme for senior university leaders offered by University of Oxford, National Centre for Entrepreneurship in Education (NCEE) and Universities UK (UUK).

Ehsan is a Trustee at Amaya Trust in London and is the Grants Officer in the Worshipful Company of World Traders. Prior to this, he was on the MENA board of Cass Business School and City, University of London for six years. He also served on the committees of the UKTI Higher Education in the UAE, Capital Club Dubai and UK-UAE Financial & Professional Services.

Andrew Cartwright:

Andrew Cartwright has been a governor of Mossbourne Riverside since 2015, and is a member of the Mossbourne Federation finance committee. He is a retired banker, and worked previously for several international banks in London and overseas for more than 40 years. He was nominated to Mossbourne by the Grocers Company.

Previous employment included:

- North House Advisors (2003-15): self- employed business advisor
- ABN Amro Bank (1996-2002) London and Amsterdam: Managing Director and head of Wholesale Consumer clients in Europe
- NatWest Markets (1994-6) London: Managing Director, investment Banking UK
- J P Morgan & Co (1981-94) London: Vice president, client coverage and M&A advisory
- Arbuthnot Latham (1969-81): trainee to manager, London, Singapore and USA

He is also chairman of CCHF All About Kids (formerly known as Children's Country Holiday Fund: joined as Trustee in 2008) which had supported disadvantaged inner-city children since 1884; in 2018 CCHF merged into The Outward Bound Trust, in order to strengthen its ongoing position, and he is now a trustee of OBT. He has also been a trustee of The Melanesian Mission UK, since 2011; The Commonwealth Education Trust (2019) and the City & Metropolitan Welfare Charity (2011). In 2017 he became a trustee and Hon Treasurer of the Royal Society for Asian Affairs, and has been actively involved in its reshaping.

He chaired the charitable contributions committees of JPM and ABN Amro in London; and graduated in History from Cambridge in 1969.

David Valentine

Trust Chair

27 years banking experience prior to 2008.

Expert in data, risk analysis, risk assurance, compliance.

Expert in governance.

Wide network of strong collaborative relationships with education stakeholders at local, regional and national level.

Career

2008-date House dad to 4 lovely boys.

Volunteer

2011 Elected parent governor East Sheen Primary School (Ofsted 1); Chair T&L

2016 June: Co-opted governor Barnsole Primary School (Ofsted 1)

Sept: Elected Chair

2017 April: Incorporated Barnsole Primary Trust

Elected Chair Barnsole Primary Trust

2018 Re-elected Chair of Trust