

Introduction and Responsibilities

Members

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The Trust has “Members” who are best viewed as guardians of the constitution, changing the Articles if necessary and ensuring the charitable object is fulfilled. The Members have overall nominal responsibility for The Academy Trust but they exercise their functions through the trust board. Each Member guarantees to contribute £10 if the Trust were to become insolvent and be wound up - that is the “guarantee” implied by the term “company limited by guarantee”. The Trust will ordinarily have at least five Members.

Asha Choolhun

Asha is a qualified solicitor specialising in mental health and family law. Asha has been a law volunteer and is active in local charities providing sports and coaching programs for young people.

Asha has two children who attend Tollgate Primary School and she is a founding Member of the Boleyn Trust. Asha currently serves as Chair of Governors at New City Primary School, a Boleyn Trust School.



Ellen Kemp

Ellen is a very experienced Governor of over 25 years standing and is involved in Governor training for new Governors in Newham. Ellen has been a member of the Chelmsford Dioceses Educational Trust.

Ellen serves as a member of Newham SACRE and was a Governor of the Boleyn Federation for 12 years and the Chair of Governors of a neighbouring school. Currently, Ellen serves as Chair of Governors of Monega Primary School which is a part of the Boleyn Trust.



Melanie Foster

Melanie has worked with colleagues across services and local authorities developing clear visions and strategies to best meet the current and future needs of children, young people and families..

As a trained School Improvement Partner for special schools; a team member for Ofsted inspections and in her roles as Senior SEN Advisory Officer in Redbridge and the Standards and Excellence Commissioner for SEND in West Essex, she has conducted many reviews and inspections.

Melanie provides high levels of support and challenge to the services she leads and is collaborative in her approach, remaining aspirational, and focused on solutions and high expectations.



Stephen Foster

Stephen has substantial experience as a school senior leader. From 1982 to 2015 he was Headteacher of St. Columba's Catholic Boys School; St. Bonaventure's Catholic School where his inspirational leadership was acknowledged by Ofsted inspectors; and The Bridge Academy. In addition, Stephen also served as Executive Principal of Randal Cremer Primary School between 2014 and 2015 specifically to provide much needed strong leadership and to accelerate improved standards.

Stephen has also served as a London Leader of Education from 2008 to 2010 and from 2015, Stephen has been self-employed working as a consultant with a wide range and diverse group of schools to support senior leaders.



Venerable Mangala

The Venerable Mangala is the Chief Buddhist Monk at the East London Buddhist Cultural Centre. Mangala studied at Colombo University and graduated with a BA in Religious Studies before entering the Buddhist monastery, where he has been a Buddhist monk for over 35 years, supporting a congregation of 300 worshippers.

The Venerable Mangala is extremely active in the local community working with other faith leaders and communities as well as representing the Buddhist community on Newham's SACRE Board which supports the way RE is taught in schools. Mangala is a frequent faith visitor to schools leading assemblies and hosts visits for schools to visit his temple. He has served as a local authority governor and has a keen interest in supporting education.

