



Our Members and Trustees

Members

David Cole

David is a social entrepreneur and experienced technologist with a passion for innovation in healthcare, and a personal interest in paediatrics. He has had a career with IBM spanning 21 years where he has held a plethora of roles including leadership, sales, marketing and operational positions. David has spent the last four years working within IBM's artificial intelligence (AI) arm, Watson.

Within IBM David leads a team focused on helping organisations embrace the latest digital technologies in order to make the most of their enterprises' data assets. IBM Watson Health's goal is to bring decision support technologies to healthcare management, clinicians and patients and it is David's team who help to make sure that these are ready for the markets that they serve. David is a regular public speaker and has a close working relationship with various parts of the University of Oxford where he is a digital health expert in residence. David is also a dedicated mentor inside and outside of IBM.

Lyn Dance OBE

Lyn retired from CEO of SANDS Multi Academy Trust in Gloucestershire, December 2022.. She has had extensive experience in working with a range of SEND settings, having been the Headteacher of Milestone School for many years. She founded the SAND MAT 3 years ago which is now responsible for the education of over 700 children with SEN.

Lyn was proposed as a Member at the AGM, July 2022.

John Cleary

John is a committed entrepreneur and businessman with a love for creative ventures. Balancing business leadership with an active lifestyle as a dedicated snowboarder, embracing both challenge and discipline on and off the slopes. He has a personal and dedicated interest in children with Special Educational Needs, particularly in fostering inclusive opportunities within education and sport. Values collaboration, integrity, and continuous learning.

William Smith

Will Smith is the Chief Executive Officer of the Greenshaw Learning Trust.

Will is judged by Ofsted to be an outstanding and inspirational school leader. He has worked as a senior school leader for over 15 years and was leader of the PiXL network for a number of years. More recently, he is the inspiration behind the growing collaborative, *By Leaders for Leaders*. Will regularly speaks at educational events and, as well as being an established executive coach, is a father to three children who are a constant source of inspiration.

Trustees

Laurence Nesbitt (Chair of Trustees)

Laurence has worked as director and IT director at several companies including Combined Insurance Limited and Millfield Group plc. He has significant Senior Management and Board level experience including serving on Risk and Business Transformation Committees.

Linda Wright

Linda has over 30 years' experience in senior leadership and advisory roles in the inclusive education sector, including international projects and teacher training. She has delivered transformation of services for young people with SEND, notably the expansion of SEN school places through major capital programmes and establishing the award winning South London SEN commissioning Partnership of 15 South London boroughs.

Stuart Roden

Until January 2019 Stuart was Chairman of Lansdowne Partners and Chairman of the Management Committee having previously co-managed the Developed Markets funds since their inception in 2001. Stuart started his career in the City in 1984, joining SG Warburg & Co. He worked at McKinsey and prior to joining Lansdowne in 2001, was a Managing Director of Merrill Lynch Investment Managers. Stuart is non-Executive Chairman of Tresidor Investment Management, Chairman of the 1-Up Foundation and a Trustee of various third sector organisations including The Centre for Social Justice and Jewish Care. He is also the non-executive Chairman of the Investment Committee of Marylebone Partners LLP and Chairman of the Jewish Care and Oxford Centre for Jewish and Hebrew Studies Investment Committees. Stuart received a first-class honours degree in Economics (BSc) from the London School of Economics, he is married with four children and lives in London.

Andrew Greenwell

Andrew is an accountant, working for Insights Accounting. Andrew's father Richard Greenwell was a Governor at Beckmead School and our new school in Essex is named after him. Andrew brings a wealth of experience in accountancy to our Trust and holds a lifelong interest in supporting the needs of young people. He joined our Trust Board in 2022

Frances Macdonald

Frances has over 30 yrs experience within the pharmaceutical industry, in a range of functions. She has held global managements and leadership roles in clinical development and health economics within Roche, based in both the UK and Switzerland, and later, as MD, set up and ran the UK affiliate of Actelion, a Swiss biotech company. Across these roles she has gained broad experience working within multinational and multicultural organisations, balancing local vs central needs and defining and supporting changes required within these organisations, to meet future needs.

Anita Martin

Anita Martin is the Chief Financial Officer at the Greenshaw Learning Trust and a qualified CIMA accountant. She is a highly accomplished finance professional with over 25 years of experience across local authorities, schools, and the charitable sector.

Throughout her extensive career, Anita has developed a deep expertise in public sector finance and strategic resource management. Her background allows her to bring a rigorous approach to financial oversight, ensuring that the Trust's budget is used effectively to improve outcomes for all children.

Anita is committed to maintaining the highest standards of financial governance and sustainability, ensuring the Trust can continue to provide high-quality, specialised support for all its pupils and staff.

Anna Monaghan

Anna is an architect who designs public buildings, with specific experience designing schools. In her role, she works with the Department of Education, local authorities and independent schools, to ensure that school estates meet the needs of their staff and students.

Her interest in inclusive design underpins the work she does. Having worked with Haverstock Architects for 12 years designing and delivering multiple Special Schools (including Sir Geoff Hurst Academy), Anna is passionate about accessible design; seeking solutions that respect and support the needs of children and young people and their families/carers, within and beyond educational settings.

Emma Mehrabanpour

Emma is a commercial lawyer who began her legal career in London, before moving to Dubai in 2013. Since then she has worked across the private and public sectors, for international law firms and government organisations, advising on commercial and corporate matters. Emma brings an international perspective and experience of working in different organisations and cultures.

Emma previously served as a school governor in the UAE, where she worked closely with the school leadership team to help improve the school and support the implementation of positive changes. She is also a mother of two young children, who keep her on her toes and provide plenty of reasons to laugh