

Wilberforce Sixth Form College Corporation - Governor Profiles

The Corporation benefits from Governors who are committed and dedicated to the College and its students, with a wealth of knowledge and expertise from across the education and private sectors.

All Governors receive an induction into the role, as well as being allocated with a mentor to guide them through their first year. Our Governors benefit from training and opportunities for professional development throughout their term of appointment.



Pat Mould – Chair of the Corporation

Member of Finance & General Purposes Committee
Member of Quality & Standards Committee
Chair of Search & Governance Committee

Pat recently retired as a Senior Lecturer in Accounting and Finance at the University of Hull. She is a long-serving Governor and has been the Chair of the Corporation since 1998. Pat is a chartered Accountant and holds a BA in Modern Languages and MSc in Psychology. Pat's industrial experience includes Financial Director for J Townsend & Sons (Hull) Ltd and Corporate Finance Manager – Spicer and Oppenheim. Pat brings considerable financial accounting, managerial and educational experience to the Corporation.



Alan Foster – Vice-Chair of the Corporation

Chair of Finance & General Purposes Committee
Member of Quality & Standards
Member of Remuneration Committee
Member of Search & Governance Committee
Sixth Form Colleges Association (SFCA) - NORVIC Governor Representative

Alan was previously General Manager of a very large supermarket in Hull and has been a member of the Corporation since March 2008. Alan brings considerable managerial and financial expertise to the Corporation. He also lives nearby to the College. Alan was appointed the NORVIC Governor Representative for the SFCA in 2012/13 and has since been re-elected; he is an active member, attending numerous Council and Committee meetings.



Colin Peaks – Principal

Member of Finance & General Purposes Committee
Member of Quality & Standards Committee
Member of Search & Governance Committee

Colin was appointed as College Principal in September 2018. Colin joined the college in August 2012 as Deputy Principal. He holds a BEd (Hons) in Physical Education with Art from Liverpool John Moores University; and has held several teaching posts in both Manchester and Hull since then. Colin has been connected with Wilberforce College since 1991 where he studied A-level Art and Design.



Stephen Brown – Independent Governor

Member of Audit Committee
Member of Remuneration Committee
Careers Link Governor

Stephen joined as a Parent Governor in 2016 and subsequently became an Independent Governor. Until his recent retirement, Stephen worked as a Research Chemist and Technical Author for a large multi-national oil company, holding various senior research and managerial positions and was responsible for the development and subsequent management of the company's modern apprenticeship training programme. Stephen has previously served as both a parent and LEA School Governor in both Primary and Secondary schools within the East Riding area.



Steve Cook – Independent Governor

Member of Audit Committee
Member of Search & Governance Committee

Steve has been a member of the Corporation since January 2008. He retired in 2012 having served as a Headteacher in several challenging secondary schools in Hull, Scunthorpe and Cleethorpes. Steve still lives in East Hull and has, over the years, served as a governor in two primary, one secondary and one special school. Steve is a qualified teacher and holds a M.A. in Organisation and Management in Education.



Amanda Fenton – Independent Governor

Member of the Audit Committee

Amanda Fenton was appointed to the Corporation in March 2019. She is a Partner and Solicitor at Andrew Jackson Solicitors LLP in Hull, and prior to this was a solicitor at an International Law Firm in the North West. Amanda has strong East Hull roots having attended Primary & Secondary school in the area and is a former student of Wilberforce College. Amanda brings with her considerable experience in Law, Estates and Property.



Leila Goring – Independent Governor

Member of Quality & Standards Committee
Safeguarding Link Governor

Leila was appointed to the Corporation in July 2020. She is a Digital Skills Teacher at Aspire Academy. Leila qualified as a PE teacher in 2006 and has worked at a number of local secondary school since then, including as Head of English and Vice Principal at a local alternative provision secondary school. Leila has worked closely with the communities of Hull, including partnering with local organisations to help local young aspiring entrepreneurs (NEETs) set up small businesses.



Simon Green – Independent Governor

Member of Finance & General Purposes Committee

Simon was first appointed to the Corporation in 2010 and served as a member of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for a period of five years. Simon returned to the Corporation in 2020 and brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge as Director of Cultural Services for Hull Culture and Leisure.

Rob Haworth – Independent Governor

Member of Quality & Standards Committee

Photograph and Bio to follow



Diana Hoskins – Independent Governor

Chair of Quality & Standards Committee
Member of Remuneration Committee
Member of Search & Governance Committee

Diana was appointed as a Governor in 2004 and is also the Chair of Governors at a local primary school. Diana worked as a qualified Social Worker for Humberside and Hull City Council for over 12 years. Diana was an East Riding of Yorkshire Councillor for many years and is also Company Secretary for a local medical firm. Diana is a Trustee on two Educational Trusts. Diana is the Chair of Quality & Standards Committee and brings considerable experience and knowledge in Governance and Child Care.

Dr Geetha Karunanayake – Independent Governor

Member of Audit Committee

Photograph and Bio to follow



Bob Overment – Independent Governor

Member of Finance & General Purposes Committee
Member of the Quality and Standards Committee (Dec 21 – July 22)

After gaining a single honours degree in Astronomy and Astrophysics at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne in 1976, Bob worked in London and Hull supplying electronic equipment to merchant and fishing vessels. In 1980 he qualified as a teacher of mathematics and taught at Riley High School in Hull until 1988 when he joined Wilberforce Sixth Form College. He retired in 2017 having spent the previous 20 years on the Senior Management Team with responsibilities for management information and finance. He brings great experience of further education and the sixth form college sector in particular.



Dr Hadiza Sa'id – Independent Governor

Member of Finance & General Purpose Committee

Hadiza joined the University of Hull Business School in July 2010, and is the Programme Director for the BSc Accounting and Subject Recruitment Officer. She is actively involved in conducting research on themes in the fields of management accounting, financial economics and financial risks management and is conducting research on accounting issues patterning to Islamic banking and finance. Hadiza joined the college as an Independent Governor in November 2020.



Councillor Denise Thompson – Independent Governor

Member of Audit Committee
Member of Remuneration Committee
Member of Search & Governance Committee

Councillor Denise Thompson was appointed to the Corporation in 2016. She took early retirement from Hull City Council in 2011 having been a Training and Development Officer specialising in Supervisory and Management Development. She is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (FCIPD) She was elected as a Councillor with Hull City Council following the local elections in May 2016. Since her election to the Council she has been appointed as the Chair of the East Area Committee, Deputy Chair of the Appeals Committee and is a member of the Planning Committee, the Economy and Regeneration Scrutiny Commission and the Energy and Infrastructure Scrutiny Commission. Denise lives close to the College and is an active member of the local community.



Lois Thorley – Teaching Staff Governor

Member of Quality & Standards Committee

Lois was appointed as Teaching Staff Governor in October 2020. She has worked at the college since 2006, teaching across a number of subjects but primarily in PE and Science. Lois is also the College's TLA Co-ordinator, delivering staff training in all aspects of teaching and learning.



Daniel VanTilburg – Support Staff Governor

Member of Finance & General Purposes Committee
Member of the Quality and Standards Committee (Dec 21 – July 22)

Daniel is an ICT Technician at the College and was appointed as Support Staff Governor in October 2021. He joined the College in 2018 as a Student Support assistant. As Governor and member of staff, Daniel is enthusiastic and passionate about the success of the College and its students. Daniel is a former student of the College and has enjoyed a military career. He is a member of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. In his spare time, Daniel enjoys reading and walking his 9-year-old rescue dog Sally.