

Wilberforce Sixth Form College Corporation Governor Profiles – 2024-25

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.

Sara Atkinson

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Appointed: 04/12/2024

Reappointments:

Member of the Audit Committee
Parent Governor

Biography to follow



Jo Brownlee

Appointed: 10/10/2011

Reappointments: 2013, 2017, 2023

Member of Finance and General Purposes Committee
Staff Governor (Support)

Jo was originally elected as Support Staff Governor in 2011, and was re-elected again in 2013, 2017, and then again in 2023. Jo has worked at Wilberforce College since 2004 and has been the Student Services Manager since 2009. Jo is the College's Lead Person for Child Protection.



Steve Cook

Appointed: 25/01/2008

Reappointments: 2010, 2014, 2018, 2022

Chair of Audit Committee
Member of Search and Governance Committee
Member of Remuneration 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.



Alan Foster

Appointed: 19/03/2008

Reappointments: 2010, 2014, 2018, 2022

Member of Finance and General Purposes Committee
Member of Quality and Standards Committee
Member of Remuneration Committee
Member of Search and Governance Committee
SFCA – Vice Chair of Council and 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, and Vice Chair of the Corporation 2014 -2024. Alan brings considerable managerial and financial expertise to the Corporation. Alan was appointed the NorVIC Governor Representative for the SFCA in 2012/13 and elected as Vice Chair of the Council in 2022. Alan is an active member, attending numerous Council and Committee meetings as well as being an active member of the NJC.



Diana Hoskins

Appointed: 22/09/2004

Reappointments: 2006, 2010, 2014, 2018, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024

Chair of Quality and Standards Committee
Member of Search and Governance Committee
Member of Remuneration 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 the Chair of Quality & Standards Committee and brings considerable experience and knowledge in Governance and Child Care.



Dr Geetha Karunanayake

Appointed: 06/04/2022

Reappointments: 2024

Member of Audit Committee

Geetha was appointed to the Corporation in April 2022 and is a member of the Audit Committee. Geetha completed her PhD at the University of Hull (Management) and has been a Lecturer in the Business School since 2012, gaining promotion to Senior Lecturer in 2024. Geetha was Diversity Champion for the Business School 2015-2017 and brings to the Corporation her business, management and education expertise. Geetha's research interests lie in identity scholarship, leadership and cross-cultural issues in management. She is particularly interested in exploring how social realities are constructed in workplaces through social interactions and discourses.



Pat Mould

Appointed: 28/06/1995

Reappointments: 1999, 2003, 2007, 2001, 2015, 2019, 2023

Chair of the Corporation

Member of Finance and General Purposes Committee

Member of Quality and Standards Committee

Member of Remuneration Committee

Chair of Search and Governance Committee

Pat was a Senior Lecturer in Accounting and Finance at the University of Hull before her retirement. 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 Townend & Sons (Hull) Ltd and Corporate Finance Manager – Spicer and Oppenheim. Pat brings considerable financial accounting, managerial and educational experience to the Corporation.



Andrea Page

Appointed: 13/12/2023

Reappointments:

Member of Quality and Standards Committee

Member of the Finance and General Purposes Committee

Biography to follow



Principal

Appointed: 01/09/2018 (appointed with role)

Member of Finance and General Purposes Committee

Member of Quality and Standards Committee

Member of Search and Governance Committee

Chair of NorVIC

Vice Chair of Post-16 Partnership Group Hull

Vice Chair of Humber Principals Group.

Colin joined the college in August 2012 as Deputy Principal and was appointed as Principal in September 2018. He holds a BEd (Hons) in Physical Education with Art from Liverpool John Moores University and a National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH). Colin has held several teaching posts in both Manchester and Hull since qualification but has been connected with Wilberforce College since 1991 where he studied A-level Art and Design. Colin is also a governor at Kingswood Academy.



Dr Hadiza Sa'id

Appointed: 06/11/2020

Reappointments: 2022

Member of Finance and General Purposes 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 in Independent Governor in November 2020 and was reappointed for a further four-year term in 2022.



Cllr Denise Thompson

Appointed: 07/12/2016

Reappointments: 2018, 2022

Member of Audit Committee
Member of Remuneration Committee
Member of Search and 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

Appointed: 06/10/2020

Reappointments: 2022, 2024

Member of Quality and Standards Committee
Staff Governor (Teaching)

Lois was appointed as Teaching Staff Governor in October 2020 and was re-appointed in 2022 and 2024. She has worked at the college since 2006, teaching across a number of subjects but primarily in PE and Science. Lois is the Faculty Head for Health, Care & Internships.



Paul Waltham

Appointed: 05/01/2023

Reappointments: 2024

Member of Quality and Standards Committee
Careers and Skills Link Governor

Paul was appointed as an Independent Governor in 2023. Since 2007, Paul has worked in a number of general further education colleges across the Humber region in a number of management and teaching positions. Paul was recently a member of the UCAS College Higher Education Advisory Board, he is also a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. Since 2021, Paul has worked within professional support services at the University of Hull. Paul brings great experience of both further education and higher education, particularly focussed on the widening participation agenda.



Trevor Wray

Appointed: 07/12/2022

Reappointments: 2024

Vice-Chair of the Corporation

Member of Audit Committee
Member of the Remuneration Committee
Member of the Search and Governance Committee
Safeguarding Link Governor

Trevor was appointed as an Independent Governor in 2022. He has a wealth of experience in schools and colleges and held a number of senior leadership positions, including the Principal ship of both Franklin Sixth Form College and Hartlepool SFC. A qualified secondary school teacher, Trevor has worked extensively within the post-16 sector and has a strong commitment to improving the life chances of young people and their families. Trevor. He was for many years Chair of the Norvic Federation and, after retiring from the Principal role at Franklin in 2018, was Director of both the Venn Group and the Advance Colleges Trust. Trevor brings extensive experience of leadership and governance; has for many years worked with schools, universities and employers to develop the skills of young people; and is a firm believer in the benefit of collaborative working. Trevor was appointed as Vice-Chair of the Corporation in December 2024.