

# Members and Trustees

Our Members and Trustees bring a variety of skills to our Trust. With their expertise, we are able to ensure the Trust is delivering the best education across all of our schools.

<b><u>TRUST MEMBERS</u></b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Date of re-appointment</b>
Christine French	Member appointed by Trust	01.03.2022
Kuldeep Kundan	Member appointed by Trust	01.03.2022
Manjit Rai	Member appointed by Trust	01.03.2022
Cllr Quintin Peppiatt	Member appointed by Trust	01.03.2022

<b><u>TRUSTEES</u></b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Date of re- appointment</b>
Shahed Ahmed	Accounting Officer	01.03.2022
Cllr Quintin Peppiatt	Chair of Trustees	01.03.2022
Frances Coats	Trustee	01.03.2022
Ade Layole	Trustee	01.03.2022
Marjorie Browne	Trustee	01.03.2022
Jane Lucas	Trustee	01.03.2022
Liz Prior	Trustee	01.03.2022
Ella Rice	Trustee	01.03.2022
Nicole Abbott	Trustee	09.12.2021 date appointed

<b><u>FORMER TRUSTEES/MEMBERS</u></b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Date of resignation</b>
David Arrowsmith	Member	25.02.2022

## **PEN PORTRAITS**

### **Quintin Peppiatt**

Quintin was the parish priest for St. Mary Magdalene's, East Ham for 27 years and the local councillor for the surrounding area. He was Cabinet member for Children Services for over fifteen years. Currently, he is chair of the New Vision Trust and chair of governors of Vicarage Primary School. He was also for over twenty years on the board of Newham College for further Education. He enjoyed living and working within Newham's diverse and vibrant community and now has retired to Tower Hamlets. He enjoys having more time for the theatre and watching cricket.

### **Frances Coats**

Frances went to schools in the local area as a child and went on to qualify as a lawyer. She works for a city law firm. She was a founding Trustee of New Vision Trust and also previously a governor of Gallions Primary School. She believes strongly in giving pupils from state schools opportunities to flourish and be ambitious. Frances has used her contacts as a city lawyer to link the Trust schools with a law firm. This includes pupils having the opportunity to visit their offices and find out about careers in law. Lawyers will also be reading with children on a regular basis. Frances fosters animals in her spare time and tends to their medical needs.

### **Ade Layole**

Ade has been a Trustee of New Vision Trust and Member of the Finance & Audit Committee since its establishment in March 2018. Ade was previously a governor at Nelson Primary School for 10 years. Ade's background is in financial services industry and with over 20 years' experience, she brings with her skills that are vital in monitoring the Trust's progress, especially financial. Her skill set include analytical, problem solving and collaborative working. She currently works for ReLondon- a partnership of the Mayor of London & London Boroughs to improve waste and resource management in the capital. In her spare time, Ade volunteers for her local foodbank and enjoys going to the cinema.

### **Marjorie Browne**

Marjorie Browne had been a School Governor, a Local Authority Governor and is currently Chair of Governors at Elmhurst Primary school. She is proud to be a long-standing member of the governing body. Marjorie has always been passionate about helping young people and children. Marjorie is the Gifted and Talented link governor and regularly attends the Shakespeare events in school. Marjorie has been a Trustee of New Vision Trust since it was formed in 2018 and has embraced her role in helping children reach their potential. Her previous roles included

assisting the public, the sick, needy and those looking for work and colleagues in respect of equality and diversity issues. She has worked on government policies and in a challenging and fast-paced Briefing and Parliamentary team, handling ministerial correspondence, Risk and Governance.

Her current role is as a Race Action Lead, utilising her analytical, organisational and excellent relationships management skills. In her spare time Marjorie is an avid reader.

### **Jane Lucas**

Jane Lucas has been a Trustee of the New Vision Board since its formation in 2018, a role she immensely enjoys. Jane's career as a teacher has enabled her to take a strategic approach to her role as Trustee and she is always insightful with her thoughts and feedback. She has a long-standing relationship with Gallions Primary, where she worked from 2004 until 2016 as a Teacher and Deputy Head Teacher. Jane's love for Gallions has continued and she until recently supported its progress through her role as Chair of Governors. As a Trustee Jane has a good understanding of Newham and its community and is passionate about supporting pupils in becoming lifelong learners.

### **Liz Prior**

Liz Prior is an experienced insurance executive and qualified actuary. She has held a number of senior roles across the insurance industry and is currently the Chief Financial Officer for the Insurtech company, Instanda. She is chair of the Trust's Finance and Audit committee. She is a mum to two small children and lives in Woodford, London.

### **Ella Rice**

Ella Rice has been a School Governor for six years at Elmhurst Primary School. As an ex-pupil of Elmhurst herself, she thoroughly enjoys being able to give back and contribute to the strategic direction of the school in its mission for all pupils to thrive and develop a passion for learning. Ella has worked at Queen Mary University of London for over 20 years focusing on academic and administrative roles in Science and Engineering. She is currently the Product Owner of the Student Systems Ecosystem, which includes managing the IT systems encountered on students' journeys through the university. Ella is a board member of the London North East Maths Hub and a Trustee of New Vision Trust since its inception in 2018, serving on the Human resources committee.

As a lifelong learner herself, Ella is genuinely passionate about helping children surpass their expectations and reach their full potential. She leverages her relationship with Higher Education to enable children to benefit from the rich educational experiences available to them at a local level.

### **Nicole Abbott**

Nicole went to schools in the local area as a child and teenager. She studied Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Oxford University, followed by a law conversion course and law and business masters.

After working in the City as a banking lawyer for seven years, she recently left to be an in-house lawyer at the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport. Nicole has been a governor of Nelson since 2018 and joined the board of trustees of the New Vision Trust in December 2021.

### **Shahed Ahmed**

Shahed is an experienced Headteacher and National Leader of Education. As a Headteacher, he has led the turnaround of failing and weak schools to achieve Ofsted outstanding judgements. As a NLE, he has supported a range of struggling schools in different local authorities, leading to good and outstanding Ofsted outcomes. He initiated and led the formation of New Vision Trust and has been its CEO since inception in March 2018. Shahed has regularly advised the government over many years on key education issues and has been a member of a number of expert advisory committees for the Dfe.

### **Kuldeep Kundan**

Kuldeep is an Information Technology Consultant with experience of working in IT, Analytics and Finance system transformation and Cloud system projects in a range of industries. He is currently working for Transport for London on Asset Management projects. He enjoys supporting community programmes and has been a founding Trust member for New Vision Trust, Parent Governor at Nelson Primary School, Trustee and Leadership member at Manor Park Christian Centre, ActiveNewham, Youth and Children 'ChangeMakers' program coordinator. He has adopted a village near to his home town (Rajahmundry, India) supporting school development, establishing IT and sport infrastructure for youth for their betterment.

He always values educational Institutes which provide sound teaching in core subjects but firmly believe in having a clear vision in providing pupils with resources to explore the wider curriculum effectively, and supporting their mental and physical development.

### **Manjit Rai**

Manjit has been a Member of New Vision Trust since 2018. She brings with her teaching experience from 1977 to 2017, from primary, secondary and adult sectors.

Manjit worked as an Advisory teacher and then as Deputy Headteacher. She progressed very quickly and took Headship at Newport Infant School in Waltham Forest. She continued as Headteacher across Newham up to 2017 after which she took on the role of National Leader in Education. She was leader of one of the first Teaching Schools. Her hard work and dedication was recognised in 2012 when she was awarded an OBE for Services to Education.

**Christine French**

Appointed as Member at the creation of New Vision Trust, Christine's expertise in education has been important in monitoring the progress of the Trust. She was Head of Human Resources for schools in Newham for 5 years, working with Heads, governors, staff and unions.

She brings with her 30 years' experience of HR, 15 of which were working with Newham schools. Her understanding of Governance comes from 10 years' experience as a governor in 2 separate primary schools in Newham.