

Kirklees College Governor Profiles

Benjamin Blank	Student Governor
Professional background	Students' Union President. Studying for a Level 4 BTEC HNC in Animal Management at the Taylor Hill site.
Special Interests	KC SU Voice
Corporation roles	Appointed 13.12.19
Marie Carabine	Independent Governor
Professional background	Head of System Change & Support Team, Royal Bank of Scotland with expertise in change management and 25 years' experience in financial services, risk and compliance and technology. Chair of the bank's Systems Change Board. Previous roles included a Learning & Development position within the bank, held for six years.
Special Interests	Personal and professional development. Systems and change management.
Corporation roles	Appointed 24.01.20. Member of Audit Committee.
Alistair Conn	Independent Governor
Professional background	Site Manager of Syngenta, Huddersfield, Manufacturer of Agrochemicals. Director of UK Syngenta Business. Experience of general management and commissioning, start-up and production management of manufacturing plants and driving up their efficiency.
Special Interests	Apprenticeships
Corporation roles	Appointed 6.10.17. Member of Audit Committee.
Stephen Donnelly	Independent Governor
Professional background	Dean of Computing and Engineering, University of Huddersfield.
Special Interests	Strategic leadership in Higher Education. Research in Engineering and Physical Sciences.
Corporation roles	Appointed 18.5.18. HE link governor. Member of QPS Committee.
Cristina George	Independent Governor
Professional background	HR and Training background in Local Government including management of large YTS/ Apprenticeship scheme. TEC /LSC for 20 years at senior level including Area Review/ Provider Management/Mergers/ESF. Senior Adviser YPLA/EFA 4 years. Now semi-retired.
Special Interests	LLDD and Safeguarding; Quality; Curriculum; Equality and Diversity; Data and Finance
Corporation roles	Appointed 23.5.14. Member of QPS (Chair); Finance; Executive Employment and Search & Governance committees; Safeguarding Working Group (Chair); Governor Representative on Student Voice Forum. Link governor for SEND.
Marie Gilluley	Principal and Chief Executive
Professional background	Worked in FE for 30 years including as Principal of Bolton College for 5 years until December 2016. Holds a degree in Engineering.
Special Interests	Employer engagement and responsiveness, social exclusion, partnership working, communities.
Corporation roles	Took up the post of Kirklees College Principal from 30 January 2017. Member of Finance, QPS, Safeguarding Working Group and Search & Governance.

Gerard Hetherington	Independent Governor
Professional background	Career civil servant for 33 years, with 22 of these in the Department of Health, including 10 years at Director level working on Health Protection and Clinical Programmes (cancer and heart disease etc.) Now retired.
Special Interests	Curriculum, performance management and governance. Links with employers, particularly in the NHS.
Corporation roles	Appointed 15.5.15. Chair of Corporation. Member of Finance, QPS and Executive Employment committees and Safeguarding Working Group. Governor representative of the College's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategic group. Member of the Estates Strategy Advisory Group.
Farkhanda Hussain-Butt	Independent Governor
Professional background	Sales and marketing director for a Yorkshire-based bed manufacturer and a member of the board of the National Bed Federation. Also a qualified and experienced teacher of KS3 English, having a Diploma in Education Management from the Sheffield Hallam University.
Special Interests	
Corporation roles	Appointed 24.01.20.
Mehwish Jakhrani	Independent Governor
Professional background	Studying for a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health & Social Care.
Special Interests	KC SU Student Voice
Corporation roles	Appointed 24.01.20.
Lydia Precious	Staff Governor (Business Support)
Professional background	Member of College staff for 20 years. Examinations Team, Customer Services Department.
Special Interests	Support Services
Corporation roles	Appointed 26.1.18. Member of QPS.
John Royle	Independent Governor
Professional background	Solicitor (admitted 1976); managing partner and head of commercial property Eaton Smith; retired from full time practice in 2012. Now part time commercial property consultant with local solicitors Ridley & Hall Legal Limited (3 years). Commercial mediator accredited by CEDR (Centre for Dispute Resolution)
Special Interests	Estates
Corporation roles	Appointed 17.5.06. Member of Search and Governance, Finance, Safeguarding Working Group and the Estates Strategy Advisory Group.
Nick Taylor	Staff Governor
Professional background	Having studied at the college as an apprentice bricklayer from 1995-97, joined the college in 2010 as a part- time bricklaying lecturer. Secured a full-time post as a Learning and Assessment Officer before becoming a full time lecturer in construction at the Brunel Centre. Teaches GCSE English to full-time students and maths and English to apprentices. An Advanced Teaching and Learning Coach and a member of the College Aspiring Managers scheme.
Special Interests	Teaching English
Corporation roles	Appointed 6.10.17. Member of QPS Committee.

Mukesh Varyani	Independent member
Professional background	Chartered accountant ICAI (India), Bachelor of Commerce. Wide ranging experience of all fields of finance as well as working in small, mid and large size organizations especially in the manufacturing sector. Currently Plant Controller for Cummins Turbo Technologies, Huddersfield.
Special Interests	Accounting & Finalisation, Controls & Compliances, Banking including credit facilities & forex hedging, MIS & Reporting, Budgeting & Costing, Taxation - Indirect & Direct.
Corporation roles	Appointed 16.03.18. Member of Finance Committee.
Andy Williams	Independent Governor
Professional background	Former secondary Headteacher. Now retired.
Special Interests	Progression and added value. English and maths.
Corporation roles	Appointed 8.7.16. Member of Executive Employment, Audit and QPS committees. Link governor for English and maths.
John Williams	Independent Governor
Professional background	After 38 years in the finance industry, John took early retirement in June 2012 to pursue his interests in the voluntary and not for profit sectors. For his last 11 years working in finance, he was a Relationship Director and Head of Lloyds Bank's North Region Education, Community and Government team with particular responsibility for the public and not-for-profit sectors, including further and higher education.
Special Interests	Safeguarding, equality and social inclusion, finance, capital projects.
Corporation roles	Appointed 12.7.12. Vice Chair of Corporation, Chair of Finance committee, member of Executive Employment and Search & Governance committees and the Estates Strategy Advisory Group. Corporation Safeguarding link. Link governor English and maths and SEND.