

Kirklees College Governor Profiles

Marie Carabine	Independent Governor
Professional background	Head of System Change & Support Team, Royal Bank of Scotland with expertise in change management and over 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.
Special interests	Personal and professional development. Systems and change management.
Corporation roles	Appointed 24.01.20. Member of Audit Committee.
Charlotte Catmull	Staff Governor
Professional background	Kirklees College Curriculum Area Manager, Science and Access to Higher Education ("HE") having previously worked as a lecturer and as a trainer assessor here. Has a first-class degree in Forensic and Analytical Science and comes from an industry background.
Special interests	Improving learner outcomes, helping learners succeed in HE.
Corporation roles	Appointed 12.11.21. Quality, Performance & Standards ("QPS") Committee member.
Alistair Conn	Independent Governor
Professional background	Retired Company Director with experience of general management and commissioning, start-up and production management of manufacturing plants and driving up their efficiency.
Special interests	Apprenticeships, Health & Safety ("H&S")
Corporation roles	Appointed 6.10.17. Member of Audit Committee and H&S link governor.
Cristina George	Independent Governor
Professional background	Human Resources 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 & Safeguarding; Quality; Curriculum; Equality & Diversity; Data; Finance
Corporation roles	Appointed 23.5.14. Corporation vice chair. Member of QPS, Finance, Executive Employment, Search & Governance and Safeguarding Committees (Chair); Member of Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Strategic Group (Chair); Governor Representative on Student Voice Forum. Link Governor for SEND, Safeguarding and mental health.
Andrew Greaves	Staff Governor
Professional background	Security Team Leader at Kirklees College.
Special interests	Student wellbeing and safeguarding.
Corporation roles	Appointed 12.11.21
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; Executive Employment; and Safeguarding Committees. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Group. 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.
Special interests	Promoting business and entrepreneurial skills amongst women and young people.
Corporation roles	Appointed 13.12.19. Member of Executive Employment Committee.
Fes Parvez	Independent Governor
Professional background	An experienced probation officer at the National Probation Service based in Kirklees, and a support worker for vulnerable adults, Fes has strong experience of child protection issues and adult safeguarding. Previous roles have included hostel work and project work aimed at providing safe spaces for teenagers in high crime areas.
Special Interests	
Corporation roles	tbc
Chris Robinson	Independent Governor
Professional background	A chartered accountant, now retired, who has held a number of senior roles in the private sector, as well as in the Further Education Sector as Vice Principal Resources for three colleges.
Special interests	College funding and finance, estates planning.
Corporation roles	Appointed 16.07.21. Member of Finance Committee.
Palvinder Singh	Executive Governor
Professional background	The College Principal/CEO, Palvinder has substantial experience of FE leadership having previously held senior roles at Newcastle College Group, Luminate Education Group and Barnsley College.
Special interests	Student progression. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion - Chair of the Association of Colleges EDI steering group.
Corporation roles	Appointed 06.06.21. Member of the Finance, Quality, Safeguarding, and Search & Governance Committees.
Mukesh Varyani	Independent Governor
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 Finance Controller for Cummins Turbo Technologies, Huddersfield.
Special interests	Accounting & Finalisation, Controls & Compliances, Banking including credit facilities & forex hedging, MIS & Reporting, Budgeting & Costing, Taxation.
Corporation roles	Appointed 16.03.18. Member of Finance Committee.
Janie Walters	Independent Governor

Professional background	Ms J Clement Walters is a chartered accountant, now retired, who has worked in the private and public sectors, notably including the Manchester Chamber of Commerce where she was once company secretary. Ms Walters has experience of supporting staff development, mentoring and training apprentices.
Special interests	Mentoring, employer engagement, work readiness.
Corporation Roles	Appointed 16.07.21. Member of Audit Committee.
Ian Wainwright	Independent Governor
Professional background	A Director of outdoor education charity the Field Studies Council, Ian has broad leadership and management experience, having particular expertise in marketing and communications. He previously held senior management roles at the Manchester and Wakefield Colleges. He is also a trustee of the grant-making charity The Penny Appeal.
Special interests	Charity governance, commercial development, driving innovation, strategic marketing, risk management and leading structural change.
Corporation Roles	Appointed 1 December 2020. Member of Search & Governance 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. Chair of QPS Committee.

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