

Profiles of Governors

Mr John Bateman OBE (Chair)

John retired as CEO of UK Youth in 2010 following a long career in formal and non-formal education in both the maintained and not for profit sectors. He has served terms as President of the European Confederation of Youth Organisations, Vice Chair of the National Council for Voluntary Youth Services and has been a member of numerous Ministerial Advisory Groups at the DfE. He was a founding Trustee of the Foundation for Outdoor Adventure, a Director of Youth FM and a member of the Advisory Board for Whole Education. He is currently a Trustee at The Rural Media Company and The Aspire Academy, an AP Free School in Worcester. He was awarded the OBE for services to young people in 2004.

Professor Gloria Agyemang

Gloria is Head of the School of Management and Professor of Accounting at Royal Hollow, University of London. She is a trustee of the British Accounting and Finance Association and was formerly a school governor. She has published widely on sustainability in SMEs, government educational policy and practice and governance matters. Gloria has also made a significant contribution to the English University sector through her work as an external reviewer, mentor and as a member of quality review panel.

Mr Carl Arntzen

Managing Director of Bosch Thermotechnology Ltd. Having completed a degree in Mechanical Engineering, Carl joined Worcester Bosch Group in 1984. Following national and international roles throughout the Sales, Marketing and Service organisation he was appointed Managing Director in October 2011 and is responsible for the whole Bosch Thermotechnology business in the UK & Ireland. Carl joined the University's Board of Governors in 2013 and is a member of the Finance and Development Committee.

Mrs Charmian Di Nunzio

Charmian is an alumni of the University having graduated in 2008 with a degree in Sociology. She runs the advice Drop In based in Worcester and is also a Floating Support Worker. Charmian joined the Board of Governors in August 2014 and is a member of the Personnel Committee and Diversity & Equality Committee.

Mrs Odette Fielding

Odette commenced part time work at the University in 2002 having emigrated from South Africa in 2001. She is now currently employed full time at the University as the Financial and Administrative Officer for the Sports Centre within the Institute of Sport and Exercise Science. She is a member of the University's Joint Consultative Committee and the Diversity and Equality Committee. Odette also serves as the Executive Unison Member for the Higher Education Services Group. Odette was elected by University support staff as their representative on the Board of Governors joining in August 2010, she also acts as a staff governor observer on the Personnel Committee.

Mrs Diana Gant

Diana retired from teaching in 2009; for the last 9 years of her career she was Headmistress of the Mount School in York. She was a governor of York St John University for 9 years until she returned to Worcester in 2014, having been Head of Religious Studies at the King's School in the 1980s. She also volunteers with the Maggs Day Centre and Worcester Cathedral Education Department. Diana joined the Board of Governors as an independent governor in August 2015 and serves on the Personnel Committee.

Professor David Green

Professor David Green is the Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive of the University of Worcester. He has been the University's executive head since 2003 and is accountable to the University's Board of Governors for the strategic leadership, overall performance and management of the University. He led Worcester to successful applications for full University title in 2005, and for Research Degree Awarding Powers in 2010. David is a member of the Board of Universities UK and GuildHE.

Ms Jade Haley

President of the Students' Union and one of two student representatives on the Board of Governors. Jade is a member of the Finance & Development Committee.

Mrs Anna Hooper

After a career in children's book publishing and marketing Anna changed careers and until 2007 she worked for the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames in Adult Education. During this time she developed the GCSE English provision and improved learners success rates. Anna moved to Worcester in 2008 and has become involved in the Worcester Festival Choral Society and the Worcester Volunteer Centre. Anna joined the Board of Governors in August 2011 as an independent governor and is a member of the Finance & Development Committee and Academic Board.

Mr David Iddon

David retired in 2013 following a career in secondary education as a modern foreign languages teacher and, from 2003-13, as Headteacher/Executive Head of Bishop Vesey's Grammar School, Sutton Coldfield. He is passionate about raising aspirations and achievement and providing educational opportunities of the highest calibre. He has a particular interest in community cohesion and social mobility issues. Having co-founded an educational charity, he has considerable experience of alumni activities, fund raising strategies and capital project management. He is currently a trustee of a charity with an emphasis on health and education. Beyond education, his interests include France and French culture, sport, ornithology, aviculture and photography. David joined the Board in 2014 and serves on the Audit Committee.

Dr Derek McDougall

Derek is currently Head of Geography and Archaeology and also an Associate Head of the Institute of Science and the Environment. The latter includes responsibility for coordinating recruitment activities across the Institute. In terms of teaching and research, Derek is a physical geographer with particular interests in glaciers and glaciation, mountain geomorphology, and Quaternary environmental change. He is also interested in e-learning, including the use of virtual fieldwork to support and reinforce the 'real' thing. Derek joined the Board in 2013 as an elected staff governor and is a member of the Audit Committee.

Mr Zad Padda

Zad is currently Vice Chair of the West Mercia Police Authority, a Board Director of BoxOn (UK) Ltd and Vicarage Nurseries Ltd and Executive Director of SYCC Ltd. He was one of the key proponents of a project which successfully lobbied for the licencing and registration of labour providers, the legislation was part of his Nuffield Farming Scholarship (2004). Zad has also been awarded a Winston Churchill Fellowship (2008) to travel overseas to understand the Global BMW Third Sector. He is currently working with funders and central government agencies to develop the theme of the Big Society and how it can be used to benefit communities locally. Zad is currently studying an Executive MBA at the University of Birmingham. He was appointed an independent governor in August 2011 and serves on the Finance and Development Committee.

The Rev'd Canon Dr Alvyn Pettersen

The Rev'd Canon Dr Alvyn Pettersen is Canon Theologian of Worcester Cathedral. He also is on the boards of St Paul's Hostel for the Homeless, Worcester, and Community First [Herefordshire & Worcestershire]. He is a Bishops' Inspector of Church of England Theological Colleges and Courses. Prior to coming to Worcester, he was a parish priest in Surrey, and a Chaplain of Clare College, Cambridge, and Exeter College, Oxford, in which university he also taught Theology. Co-opted to the Board of the University in 2014, he is a member of the Finance and Development Committee.

Mr Ian Smith

Ian is the Chair of Bishop Fleming LLP, a top 35 firm of chartered accountants, where he has specific responsibility for the development of partners and senior management. He went to school in Worcester and has a geography degree from Durham University. He has been Deputy Chair of Young Enterprise locally since 1998. He is a Trustee of The Rowlands Trust, Queen Elizabeth's Almshouses and The Clothiers Company Charitable Foundation. He is a Chartered Accountant and a Chartered Tax Advisor.

Mrs Sarah Speck

Lay member of the governing body of South Worcestershire Clinical Commissioning Group leading on patient and public engagement. Sarah is a plant biologist and MSc trained science communicator, she transitioned from crop science research to a corporate affairs career managing communications, marketing and public relations programmes for Defra's Animal Health agency and global agribusiness, Syngenta. She is a Chartered member of the Society of Biology and a member of the Chartered Institute of Public Relations. Sarah is also a parent director of the governing body of a local primary school. Sarah joined the Board in 2013 and is a member of the Audit Committee.

Dr Diana Beech

Mr John Bothamley

Ms Alice Brunt

Mr Robert Dudley

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