

BGA Executive Committee (2016/17)

Molly Beever

I have been a school governor since 2000 and at present time am Chair of Governors at Greenacre School; a member of the Barnsley Alliance Board and the Schools' Forum Committee representing special schools. I am currently a member of the BGA Executive Committee and would welcome the opportunity to continue in this role.

I believe that effective school governance should be an equal partnership between schools and the governing body, with mutual respect and trust being a key feature.

Pat Doyle

Thirty-seven years' experience of school governance, being Chair or Vice-Chair of Governors in six of the eleven schools served. BGA Executive member for five years seeking re-election. Over thirty years' experience, including at senior management levels, in human resources management in the public sector, former town councillor for thirty years and town mayor and deputy mayor on seven occasions respectively. Active for many years in community organisations.

Adrian England

Adrian has been a school governor for over 25 years, and has consistently shown his commitment to the improvement of the education of children and young people in the Barnsley area. He works tirelessly to ensure that the children of our schools continue to reach their maximum potential.

Stephen Gallagher (Vice Chair)

Governor in Barnsley for almost 25 years.

Currently Vice-Chair of local governing board at Ward Green Primary School and recently appointed as Trustee/Director within the new Hoyland Common Academy Trust.

Extensive experience as a primary school governor both at Ward Green and elsewhere. Also have (limited) experience of working with secondary sector.

Currently feeling my way into Academy governance. Relishing the challenge.

Good governance is essential to effective and efficient running of schools (whatever category). I just want to contribute to spreading that message and help others to achieve that standard.

Team focused and collaborative in my approach to the task. Let's focus on solutions and possibilities.

Margaret Gostelow (Chair)

I have been a governor in both primary and secondary schools in two local authorities since 1987. I was a founding member of the BGA and have served as both secretary and chair of the Executive Committee. I am committed to working with our partners to ensure that governors are given support and training. My aspiration is that every child in Barnsley has an outstanding experience at school.

Bob Krause

With more than ten years' experience of school governance (and into his fourth year working in Barnsley's only 3-16 school) we believe he can harness his passion, knowledge, skillset and experience to support the BGA to develop a strong cohort of Barnsley school governors.

John H McDougall (Treasurer)

John has been a governor at the Dearne ALC since 2005 holding the position of Chair from 2008-2012. He served in the Royal Navy for 37 years and has lived in the Barnsley area since 1982. He became a governor to support the young people of the Barnsley area and to serve the community in which he now lives.

Emma McMahon

I'm a mum of three boys; my oldest son has a diagnosis of autism and ADHD and my youngest son also has a diagnosis of autism. They both attend Greenacre special school. My middle son attends Holy Trinity 3-16 School.

I first became a parent governor in 2007 at Holy Cross CoE and in 2009 as well I became part of the temporary governing body for the new school that merged with St Dominic's and St Michael's and is now called Holy Trinity. In 2014 I became a parent governor at Greenacre special school and I'm still enjoying this role.

Over the last ten years I have retrained around children and special educational needs. I have trained for and put into practice the role of independent support advisor. I also retrained as a nursery nurse level 3.

I am co-founder of a support group for families with ASD called Rainbow Shine and this group has run for 9 years.

I was part of the Barnsley Parent Carers Group, sitting on management panels within the local authority, and I hosted the first information exchange day. Through this role I became chair of the parent partnership strategic management team, which involved meeting with managers and lead professionals within the local authority and NHS

Beverley Paddey

I am a retired senior manager with a background in retail and government policy who is now actively involved in voluntary roles within the local education community. I have been a governor at Hoylandswaine Primary School since November 2012 and served as Chair from September 2014 until March 2016. Three chairs and myself, from our cluster of ten primary schools, set up a governance group to which all chairs/vice chairs are invited. This allows us to both support and challenge ourselves at a senior level as well as examine areas for collaboration.

Principal technical strengths include team management, project management including finance, and an in depth knowledge of competency and qualification development. I also have skills in process and system development, labour market analysis, communication, networking, and negotiation. I am a Chartered Member of the Institute of Personnel and Development and an Honorary Member of the City & Guilds of London Institute.

Mark Pawson (Secretary)

I have served on the BGA Executive for five years and would like to be considered for another term. I am a governor at Hoylandswaine Primary and Darton College. I fully endorse the aim and objectives of the BGA to support and improve governance in Barnsley schools by working with like-minded agencies and individuals.

Michael Sanderson

In its first five years the BGA has established itself as a valuable support to governance in Barnsley. I would welcome the opportunity to continue to contribute to this vital work of supporting governors and governance.