



**NEWHAM** COMMUNITY  
SCHOOLS TRUST

## **NCST - Members and trustees - skills and experience**

**Approved by: CEO**

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Role	Name	Other roles at NCST	Skills and experience
Member	<b>Abdul Rahim</b>	None	Abdul joined the trust as a Parent Governor for Lister Community School. He is an Experienced Manager with a demonstrated history of working in the transportation industry. He has worked with Transport for London for over 20 years. In this time, he has developed strong business development skills in planning and operations Management, as well as safety management systems and project portfolio management. He was formerly the Chair for Upton Cross Primary School, where he provided governance, educational and school leadership support in close partnership with the head teacher. During his time as Chair, the primary school achieved two consecutive Ofsted Outstanding inspections in 2010 and 2013.
Member	<b>Haydn Powell</b>	None	Haydn is an Associate Consultant of the London Institute of Education and a registered consultant with the National College. He coached and facilitates senior and middle leadership programmes. He has previously worked as a registered School Improvement Partner, working with 4 secondary schools in Hackney, and has had international education leadership and management training in Switzerland, Uganda, India, Ghana and South Africa. Haydn was previously the chair of governors at a Newham primary school. He is a current member of governing body for Education Links, an Alternative Provision, Academy Trust and a trustee of two East London charities, whose focus is on support for socially deprived and challenging young people and their families.
Member	<b>Paul Leslie</b>	Chair of Trustees, NCST and Chair of Governors, Sarah Bonnell School	A qualified youth and community worker and youth work consultant with over 33 years' experience in both the statutory and voluntary sector, extensive experience in leadership and management including: Chair of governors: Sarah Bonnell School, member of governing body of Heathcote school, Chair of Newham Independent Advisory Group (IAG) to the Met Police.
Member	<b>David Wood</b>	None	David is currently retired, undertaking occasional consultancy roles and currently leading a small charity in East London. During his career David has worked in Engineering, Sales, and Marketing and contract negotiation roles culminating in his appointment as Deputy CEO of a leading consortium bidding for a multi-billion contract with the UK Government. Before concluding his career with BT David was appointed as BT's Director of Operations for its Volunteering Programme with the remit of developing the operational element of the programme growing the programme so that at its peak it delivered 48,000 volunteering days by BT people in a single year. On leaving BT David undertook consultancy work developing business models to establish the impact of Universal Credit on Housing Associations. David also founded Listen To Me a mentoring charity that worked with disadvantaged young people in East London. David has 11 years experience as a School Governor, 7 years of these spent as Chair of the Governing Body of a large secondary school in East London. More recently has been working as a Trustee and now Member of the Newham Community Schools Trust.
Chair of Trustees, NCST	<b>Paul Leslie</b>	Member and Chair of Governors, Sarah Bonnell School	A qualified youth and community worker and youth work consultant with over 33 years' experience in both the statutory and voluntary sector, extensive experience in leadership and management including: Chair of governors: Sarah Bonnell School, member of governing body of Heathcote school, Chair of Newham Independent Advisory Group (IAG) to the Met Police.

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Trustee	<b>Sue Hammond</b>	None	Sue Hammond is a Teaching School Council Associate for the Eastern Region which includes North East London. As an Educational Consultant and NLE she supports school improvement and school leadership. She was previously Head teacher of The Billericay School in Essex for 18 Years and she received the Essex Headteacher of the Year Award in 2015. She was a designated a NLE in 2011 following the school being graded outstanding and has supported schools across Essex in challenging circumstances. She was an Executive Headteacher in two Essex secondary schools, and held the post of Chair of the Association of Secondary Headteachers in Essex during 2010/11. Across her career she has worked in Inner London, Outer London and in Essex.
Trustee	<b>Christina Parry, OBE</b>	None	Christina developed her senior leadership and governance skills through wide-ranging experience in complex organisations (central government, NHS, Charity Commission, charities, schools and London Livery). She is a qualified Chartered Secretary (governance professional), holds academic degrees (MA and BA) and for much of her career worked as a senior qualified technical tax inspector. Christina was awarded an OBE for her services to the Home Office as an Operations Director in the Immigration Department. Formerly, Christina was a school governor of three primary schools over a period of 10 years. She became chairman of one, leading and responsible for school recovery after a dismal Ofsted. In her retirement, Christina is a trustee for Age UK Bromley and Greenwich (Vice Chair), a visiting lecturer in a Tanzanian college, and Immediate Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators.
Trustee	<b>Tanveer Alam</b>	None	Tanveer is an experienced Senior Project and Portfolio Manager with over 10 years' experience in Programme and Project Management. Tanveer specialises in IT-enabled Business Change transformations, Business Analysis and PPM Assurance. She has successfully delivered many high-quality solutions on significant programmes within the public and non-profit sector in a 20-year IT career. She holds MSc in Information Technology Security and is a certified PRINCE 2 and Managing Successful Programme practitioner. Tanveer joined the Trust in 2019 and is a member of the Resources Committee.
Trustee	<b>Kiran Rahim</b>	None	Kiran is a London School of Paediatrics Trainee with a special interest in medical education and clinical leadership. She has a longstanding interest in quality improvement, in particular, improving the patient experience. She is currently working at Newham Hospital as a Paediatric Registrar and will be pursuing a medical education fellowship. Kiran also serves on the Standards Committee.
Parent Trustee	<b>Momodou Sanyang</b>	Sarah Bonnell School parent	Momodou's primary area of expertise is in Education. He has a BA degree in International Development Studies with a Minor in English Language from St Mary's University, Halifax, Canada, as well as a Graduate Diploma in Psychology from University of East London. He previously taught at both primary and secondary schools in Gambia. Momodou has worked in various teaching roles in Newham schools since 2005. He also serves on the Standards Committee.

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Trustee	<b>Neil Beighton</b>	Vice Chair of Lister Community School LGB	Neil is a solicitor with the Insurance & Reinsurance Group of CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP. He is a leader in his organisation on insurance and reinsurance issues, most recently advising both insurers and policyholders on coverage for business interruption and event cancellation following the COVID-19 outbreak. Neil is also involved in insurance disputes, including claims arising from natural catastrophes, onshore and offshore energy losses and financial scandals. He further advises on the drafting of insurance policies and reinsurance treaties, and advises insurers, reinsurers and brokers on regulatory investigations. He became a Co-opted governor and then Vice-chair of the governing board for Lister Community School in 2014 and was involved in the formation of NCST.
Parent Trustee	<b>Paramjit Chanda</b>	Parent elected governor, Lister Community School	Pam is a parent of three children who attend a primary and secondary school in the London Borough of Newham, who has been a resident in the London Borough of Newham for the last 20 years. She has worked in the education sector since 1998, both in primary and secondary settings. Her area of expertise is Pastoral, Parental Support, Attendance and Safeguarding. She have been employed as part of the Primary Pupil Referral Unit and Outreach Behaviour Team, After School Club Manager, Home School Liaison Worker / Designated Safeguarding Lead and currently as an Attendance Advisory Officer. She has been a Governor at a Newham primary school since October 2013 currently chair of governors since 2018. During this time the school went through an Ofsted grading of Required to Improve to Outstanding. The school also went through a process of due diligence and consultation and joined an existing MAT. Pam joined the NCST as a Trustee in May 2019 and also serves on the Standards Committee.