



Trustees of the Charity 2011/12

Margaret Davey OBE

For the past seven years Margaret has been a freelance consultant working in the field of adult learning. She is currently involved in projects assisting senior managers in the process of quality improvement and the management of change, whilst also researching and reporting on good practice for wider dissemination. She contributes to the leadership programmes of the Learning and Skills Improvement Service and also their organisational healthchecks for local authority services. Prior to this she worked for the London Borough of Croydon and Surrey County Council and was principal of City Lit, a college for adults in London.



She is on the boards of the National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (NIACE) and East Surrey College and has been Chair of the Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership since summer 2008.

Alison Gisvold



Alison has over 22 years experience in education spanning primary to higher education and is currently Assistant Dean Education, University of London, seconded to the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Postgraduate Deanery. In this post she works on a range of projects including teacher education for clinicians and MA studies in Clinical Education. She is also the programme lead for a new initiative educating junior doctors about meeting the needs of patients with learning disabilities.

In addition, she works as an internal moderator with the National Autistic Society (NAS) and believes that the work with NAS and Surrey Lifelong Partnership provides a grass roots knowledge of educational experience which is an excellent counterpoint to her work within postgraduate medical studies.

Alison is a firm believer in enabling people to be the best they can and unlocking the potential which lies within us all. She carries this belief into voluntary work with the local Scout movement

Peter Gordon

Peter spent thirteen years within the branded consumer goods industry (with Unilever, Dalgety Spillers and Allied Lyons) before becoming Marketing and Business Planning Director of the UK automated clearing house, BACS Ltd. He subsequently joined KPMG Consulting and worked on major public and private sector transformation projects. In 2001 Peter became Managing



Director of specialist publisher, RGC, and prepared and led the organisation through sale negotiations and the transition to new owners. From 2005 Peter with two colleagues established and ran Otterson Smith Gordon Limited, which became a recognised source of communications, PR and change management expertise for a wide range of public and private sector clients. Following increasing involvement with voluntary and community activities, Peter now balances these with running his own consultancy, PDGI Ltd. Peter is Chair of Surrey Community Action and a Non Executive Director of NHS Surrey.

Peter is married to Jeannie. They enjoy walking, skiing and motorcycling.

Dr. Derek Pollard OBE



Dr Derek Pollard's recent professional career has been with the Open University as part of the Vice-Chancellor's team where he had responsibility for accredited partnerships with the university both in the UK and overseas. He has 25 years experience of working with quality assurance bodies in further and higher education. He is a past chair of the UK Council of Validating Universities and has worked with a wide range of bodies including NIACE, the National Youth Agency and the Ministry of Defence on issues of lifelong learning, credit based learning and learning from experience.

Derek continues to have an international role with the Scout movement in the training of volunteers. He was born in Surrey, has lived most of his life there and was awarded the OBE in 1996 for services to youth and community work.

Pankaj Makwana

Pankaj Makwana FCCA joined Nescot College in Surrey as Finance Director in 2006 and now brings a wealth of financial expertise to support the Board of Trustees of Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership. Prior to his appointment at Nescot, Pankaj held financial management positions in a number of organisations including Yeovil College, the University of Central England, and Matthew Boulton College. Pankaj is keen to promote the value of lifelong learning and to use his professional knowledge and expertise to help the Partnership address the challenges it faces in a changing world. Pankaj is married to Sheela and together they enjoy life with their two teenage sons.

