

SLLP Trustees – January 2016

Dr. Derek Pollard OBE (Chairman)

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.

Margaret Davey OBE

For the past eleven years Margaret has been a freelance consultant working in the field of adult learning. This work has involved 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.

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 has been a member of the board of the National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (NIACE) and is currently on the board of East Surrey College and the Vice Chair.

Alison Gisvold

Alison has many years' experience with industry - including with multinationals such as Honeywell and Apple - and in education where her work has spanned Primary to Higher Education including teaching Doctors at the University of London. Both in industry and education, Alison has held leadership roles and successfully managed and quality assured departments.

Alison is currently working with two start up enterprises and works as a management consultant and translator.

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 where she currently serves as a District Commissioner.

Maureen Kilminster

Currently Principal of Brooklands College, a large general and further education college in Surrey, Maureen has over 26 years' experience working in further education. Prior to moving to Brooklands College in 2013, Maureen was Director of FE at NESCOL for 16 years before moving to Central Sussex College leaving as deputy Principal for teaching, learning and quality, and executive director for skills, adult and higher education, where she raised the success rates to the top 10 per cent of colleges in the country.

Married with two grown up children, Maureen has been a Rotarian and past president of the Rotary Club of Ewell since 1996

Maureen believes the current economic situation calls for a stronger role for further education colleges in boosting the skills of both younger people and adults.

Pankaj Makwana

Pankaj Makwana FCCA is currently Head of Finance at East Berkshire College and brings a wealth of financial expertise to support the Board of Trustees of Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership. Prior to this he held senior financial management positions in Further and Higher Education, including at NESCOL College, 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.

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