

Herts for Learning

Board of Directors

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Nigel Ludlow

Chair of the Board

My background is in knowledge and information for businesses having spent 30 years in marketing and management roles at The Economist. I am passionate about how public and private sector expertise can work together to deliver real excellence. I am currently Director of Assets at the Museum of London.



Andrew de Csilléry

Managing Director

I believe passionately that all children should be given the opportunity to benefit from a great education that lays the foundation for lifelong learning. I bring over 25 years of experience in international business to my role as Managing Director of Herts for Learning, alongside my educational experience as a Founding Trustee of the Chartered College of Teaching and a member of the MBA Admissions Committee of INSEAD. I have worked for organisations such as Disney and InterContinental Hotels Group where great customer service really matters. I aim to use this experience to ensure that Herts for Learning works ever closer with schools and partners to deliver services of the highest quality and best value for money for the benefit of all children in Hertfordshire.



Kate Smith

Vice Chair of the Board

I was appointed to the headship of Monk's Walk school in September 2011 (my second headship), having previously been Head of Secondary School Effectiveness for Hertfordshire. I believe this experience gives me an insight into how Herts for Learning can best provide for schools' improvement needs.



Mike Collier

Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee

I am one of the HCC appointed directors on the HfL Board, reflecting the authority's commitment in ensuring the success of HfL. I am a qualified accountant and am currently the Assistant Director (Strategic Finance & Performance) for HCC's Environment Department, having previously been Assistant Director for Commissioning & Resources in Children's Services.



Amanda Godfrey

Chair of the Personnel and Remuneration Committee

In my work as an executive head of Spiral Partnership Trust, and previously as a Hertfordshire headteacher for seventeen years, I have a strong personal commitment to school improvement. As a founding member of HfL I am proud of the progress HfL has made as a company and look forward to continuing to work with HfL to ensure it works with all types of schools to provide the excellent quality of support and services which enables school leaders, staff and governors to deliver the quality of education children and young people in Hertfordshire need and deserve.



Robin Barrett

Formerly a Senior Vice President on the Global Management Team at American Express and a Vice President at J.P. Morgan, I am a passionate leader and executive coach. I am a graduate of Trinity College, Cambridge, and my career has spanned information technology, operations, and product management working in London and New York. I am now Executive Coach to members of the executive teams at several leading banks and IT companies.



Natalie Knight-Wickens

I am a solicitor specialising in corporate & commercial law, a mother of two, and Chair of Governors at Sheredes Primary School. Having grown up and been educated in the local area before embarking on a career in law, I am passionate about ensuring excellence in education for children. Much of my work as a solicitor has education elements, including negotiating contracts for educational software, advising on group reorganisations for student unions and refinancing a further education college.



Graham Lane

I am passionate about education and am vice chair at Oaklands College, Hertfordshire National Apprenticeship Service Ambassadors Network and a governor of Redbourn Junior School. I sit on several business boards such as Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership. I am also Managing Director of a Hertfordshire IT business.



Catherine Tallis

I am one of the two Directors nominated by HCC to sit on the HfL Board. My work at HCC centres around education transition, so I am well placed to support the development of HfL within the broader background and direction of Children's Services. My professional background is rooted in project and programme management and spans both the public and private sector.



Andrew Wellbeloved

I am a long-serving headteacher and have extensive knowledge of leadership and management both in and outside of education. Previously, for nine years, I was a trustee of a national youth organisation/charity for children and young people aged 6 to 18 with considerable experience of providing strategic leadership, maintaining accountability, ensuring compliance and creating a strategic vision. I am passionate about inclusive education and ensuring that all schools/academies have access to the best support and advice available empowering them to deliver a first class education for all children and young people across Hertfordshire and beyond.