

Pen Portraits – Minerva Learning Trust

MEMBERS

Ros Kayes



Ros Kayes is the County Councillor for Bridport where she is also a District and Town Councillor. She is a trustee of several charities and director of a number of local social enterprises, including Skills Training Bridport which runs the Bridport job club and offers training in work related skills to adults in the area.

Ros graduated from Oxford University in 1985, later taking an MA and a PGCE at Essex and London Universities followed by Cognitive Behavioural Therapy training at Plymouth University. She taught in secondary and further education for 16 years and has worked as a psychotherapist within the NHS and in private practice since 1995. She has a particular interest in the mental health of young people and in education as a vehicle empowering children to develop their full potential.

Peter Tompkins – Diocesan appointment



Peter was CEO and President of a global company, a worldwide leader in the Control and Automation sector, and an executive team member of a FTSE 100 Corporation. He also served as a Director of the Trustee board of one of the UK's Top 10 pension schemes. In his CEO role, he was responsible for the operations of over forty entities in Europe, North America and the Asia Pacific region. He travelled extensively to visit customers, suppliers, financial services, and group companies. Since retiring from his full-time role, he has worked as a consultant to Private Equity companies, served as Vice Chairman of a major museum, chaired a Rights-of-Way group, and purchased a local farm. Peter and Pauline have two children, a daughter, who is a research chemist, and a son, who is a process engineer. They have two grandchildren, who attend a primary school, which converted to an academy several years ago.

Richard Wales



Richard has had a career in Financial Services for the past 30 years. As an independent financial adviser he has specialised in the corporate market, creating innovative employer benefit strategies to attract and retain top quality individuals for different companies. His strengths are in design, build and implementation of corporate strategies, working closely with HR and finance directors. He has a keen interest in managing risk in relation to defined budget requirements which is a consistently evolving process. In addition he is a firm believer in the “CAN I Method” (Constant and never ending improvement.) Richard is passionate about his profession and continues to work on the approach of right first time. He looks forward to developing the requirements of the Minerva Learning Trust and using his skills with them as a member.

TRUSTEES

Clive Bath – Chair of Trustees



Clive Bath has been a community Governor and vice chairman of the Sir John Colfox Academy since 2010. He previously attended the Alfred Colfox School in Bridport

Prior to retirement, Clive was the Chief Executive of the King Edward VII hospital in Marylebone, Director of UK consultancy for International Hospitals Group and previously ran two central London NHS teaching hospitals.

Clive was elected chairman of the Minerva Learning Trust Board on its establishment in 2016.

Sandra Brown – Diocesan appointment



Sandra Brown worked at Lloyds Bank for 40 years, was on the Education Committee for DCC from 2001 to 2006. She has been a local Councillor since 1992 and has been the Major of Bridport 4 times. Sandra received a MBE in the 2016 New Year's Honours list for Services to Culture.

David Jenkins



David Jenkins began his career as a teacher, before turning to law. He held a number of legal and managerial posts in local government and was Chief Executive of Dorset County Council for nearly fourteen years. He is currently Deputy Chair of NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group and Chair of the Wessex Regional Flood and Coastal Committee. He is involved with the running of a number of charities, mainly concerned with musical performance and education. He is President of the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils and a Deputy Lieutenant of Dorset.

Anna Ledgard



Anna Ledgard MA, PGCE is a governor at The Sir John Colfox Academy and a Trustee of the Minerva Learning Trust. She began her working life as a secondary school teacher and has been a school governor in London and Bridport for 20 years. Her children attended Bridport Primary School and The Sir John Colfox Academy.

Today Anna is an award-winning producer developing public engagement projects with artists and bio-medical scientists in UK hospitals. Her pioneering work is internationally respected and Anna is the recipient of multiple Arts Awards from the Wellcome Trust. She brings skills of strategic planning for inter-disciplinary partnership, financial management, administration, human resources and public engagement. Anna is committed to education in this community and sees informed governance in genuine collaboration with staff as key to promoting breadth and equity of educational opportunity for all children in the MLT.

Anna has responsibility for SEN and disadvantaged students in the Minerva Learning Trust.

Alan Moss



Alan is a Governor of St Mary's CE Primary School and Chair of the Curriculum Committee. He has experience as a teacher, local authority officer, DfE official and education consultant in the private sector. His particular interest is in promoting the achievement and attainment of pupils with Special Education Needs and disadvantaged pupils. As Chair of Trustees of a charity providing a range of services for pre-school children with special needs and their families, he led the restructuring of the organisation to place it on a business like footing and secure its future. He believes the Minerva Learning Trust has an extremely positive starting point. Examples of good and excellent practice are to be found across the Trust. By sharing these strengths and promoting the culture of high expectations for all pupils it will thrive.

Alan Chairs the HR, Health and Safety Committee in the Minerva Learning Trust.

Declaration of interest:

None.

Keith Peraux



Keith Peraux is a resident of Loders where he runs a holiday lettings business. Keith's background has been predominantly in the Insurance Broking and Property sector. From 1976 until 2001 he served as Managing Director of The Hanover Park Group PLC helping to take a small high street broking group to become a substantial Commercial Broker. The company was purchased by Erinaceous Group where he joined their Board and helped them achieve a main market listing. He left Erinaceous in 2007 to run a small property portfolio and is an Executive Director and founder of Rent4sure who are a major provider of insurance and financial information to the Lettings Industry. During his career Keith has served as President of the Insurance

Institute of Croydon and as a Regional Chairman of British Insurance Brokers Association.

Julian Piper – Diocesan appointment



Julian has worked in schools and youth work for over 40 years qualifying initially as a chemistry teacher. After a spell as a youth work manager he became a Vice Principal (Community) of one of Leicestershire's 11-18 Community Colleges. Then, for 7 years prior to retirement in 2008, he worked for an educational charity on a contract to the government Department for Children, Schools and Families (now DfE) supporting local authorities and schools across the country in implementing the Extended Schools policy and was awarded the OBE in 2009. Having previously been a governor of three schools in Leicester at various times, he moved to Burton Bradstock in 2011 and became Chair of Governors at Burton Bradstock CE Primary School in 2013. He completed the NCTL training for chairs in 2014-5. He is now one of two vice-chairs of that Governing Body.

Julian Chairs the Performance and Standards Committee in the Minerva Learning Trust.

Pete Stone



Rev. Pete Stone, is a Foundation Governor for St Mary's CE Primary School and a Member for the Minerva Learning Trust. Pete has worked with Children & Young People for over 20 years as a youth worker and school development worker in Reading & Wokingham. His children attend the Sir John Colfox Academy & Kingston Maurward College.

Pete is the Team Vicar for the Bridport Team Ministry. He was brought up in Bath, and left school at 16 and went to work for the Civil Service. After 3 years he started his career in youth work. After 13 years as a Children & Youth Worker he became a

development worker and then project manager for a school's work charity, supporting teachers to teach inclusive, informative and fun RE in multi-cultural settings. He then trained as an Anglican Vicar near Oxford and spent 4 years in Charminster near Dorchester as a trainee vicar. He and his family moved to Bridport in July 2014. Having struggled at school and work Pete was diagnosed with Dyslexia and Dyspraxia at 38 and this experience and that of supporting a child with Dyspraxia made him realise the need to give every child the opportunity to access education in a way that engages them and helps them to develop confidence and abilities that will be life enhancing, so that every child may be all that they can be.

Martin Stones



Martin is the Managing Director and founder of Minster Joinery Ltd. Minster is a highly successful and respected company operating at the highest level within its market, with a turnover exceeding £2.25 million. Martin has considerable experience in negotiating high value contracts, managing client's expectations and delivering successful outcomes. He has been a governor of the Sir John Colfox Academy for 17 years and has chaired the Board of Governors for the last six years. Martin also chairs the Attendance and Behaviour committee and has an interest in the whole school community.

Martin will remain as the Chair of the Local Governing Body of The Sir John Colfox Academy and Chair of the Finance, Audit and Premises Committee of the Minerva Learning Trust.

Kay Taylor



Kay Taylor is the Executive Principal of The Minerva Learning Trust and the Accounting Officer for the Trust. She was previously Headteacher of the Sir John Colfox Academy having joined the school in 1994 as Deputy Head. She is an experienced senior leader who has worked as a School Improvement Partner with other Dorset schools and is a trained Ofsted Inspector. As Headteacher of the Sir John Colfox Academy she worked in partnership with Beaminster School to deliver post 16 education and with West Dorset schools and colleges to provide vocational courses pre 16. She has developed a partnership with Yeovil College to broaden the curriculum offer at post 16 for students in the local area.

Kay brings to the role successful leadership experience and a passionate belief that education can change lives.

Michael Young



Mike moved to Dorset in 1987 to take up post as adviser to the secondary schools in the west and north. Previously he had worked for 15 years in schools, starting as an English teacher and leaving as a deputy head teacher. Mike became chief schools' adviser and then deputy director of Education for Dorset, before leaving in 2003 to be director in Bath and NE Somerset. During the 10 years from 1992 he was also an Ofsted registered inspector, leading teams in the inspection of middle and secondary schools, including some work in British schools abroad.

Mike left Bath with the change to Children's Services and ran his own consultancy business, working mainly for Devon. At the same time he became chairman of a charitable trust based in Bath, 5x5x5=creativity. The charity 5x5x5 is dedicated to working with schools to improve the quality of primary teaching and learning through creativity and critical thinking; mainly in the arts but also other areas, like mathematics. Mike lives near Bridport in the Bride Valley with his wife Liz. He is a voluntary driver for the local community car service, taking mainly older residents to their NHS appointments.