

Pen Portraits for North Ridge IEB

Riana Nelson

Riana Nelson, Assistant Director for Partnerships and Operations in the Learning and Opportunities Directorate of Doncaster Council has over 20 years of experience in the public sector. She is the Lead for Behaviour and SEND and her other areas of work currently include Early Help, Services to Vulnerable Children, Participation and Partnership. She is a Trust Board Member for Doncaster Safeguarding Children's Trust (DCST) and an active contributor to the setup of the Expect Youth and secured the upfront investment for the initiative.

Highlights of her career include the management of a multi-disciplinary Substance Misuse Service for young people; the set-up of a mental health service for looked after children and most recently the transformation of children centres into Family Hubs, Early Help. She is currently leading on major transformation programmes, including Big Picture Learning, Communication and Interaction School and SEND Capital Provision Fund.

She is passionate about families and communities, creating opportunities to improve outcomes and life chances for all

Louise Greatrex

Louise is a serving governor of a mainstream academy recognised as outstanding and as a world class school. She has served on finance and resource committees and chaired the teaching and learning committee. She has also been on governor panels linked to both staff and pupil issues.

Louise is an experienced school senior leader in a variety of schools and settings, including headship in a CAMHs Tier 4 school and an ASD Special school, both schools were judged to be good by school inspectors. She has been a Designated Safeguarding Lead in schools and has delivered the professional studies programme for SCITT; ITT and PGCE at Master's degree level.

Louise has worked as a Local Authority Officer involved in school improvement covering: leadership and management; teaching and learning; attendance; behaviour; SEND and Inclusion. In these roles and as a school senior leader, she has delivered staff training to classroom support staff; NQT/RQT; middle leaders, senior leaders including headteachers, governors and local authority officers.

Louise is currently working as an independent school improvement consultant, involved in school inspections, leading standards and effectiveness reviews for specialist setting schools. Her areas of expertise include supporting schools facing challenging circumstances and mentoring school leaders new to headship.

Dr Jayne Crosse

Jayne has been a Chair of Governors for 6 years at both primary and secondary levels and a Governor for 8. She has chaired Resources and Standards Committees and has experience of Church and community schools, as well as mainstream and special schools. She is currently Chair of a Special School and a member of a Strategic Improvement Committee working with an Executive Head to deliver rapid and extensive school improvement. Jayne has mentored and coached several new Head Teachers. She has over 20 years' experience of working in complex public sector organisations both at a national and regional level. Jayne has held senior posts covering strategic direction, business planning, monitoring and evaluation, change management and governance. Jayne currently works as a consultant in the field of sustainability.

Babs Lynds

Babs Lynds is currently the Chair of Governors of Plover Primary School, Vice Chair of Campsmount Academy and Trust Board Member of Kirk Sandall Academy Trust where she provides strategic direction and business acumen along with her Financial and leadership skills to enhance the team.

Babs has previously been the Chair of Governors of a number of other schools in Doncaster and during 2016 was part of an IEB at Edenthorpe Hall School which was instrumental in leading the school through academisation with Astrea Academy Trust. As a member of the IEB she guided the school through Ofsted and budget constraints until such time it was able to move forward and operate with the support of its new trust board and she remained on the new trust board during its transition stage.

Babs is also the CEO of Rejus Ltd, providing strategic leadership and management of a large team with a turnover of two million pounds to a portfolio of 150 clients including schools within the facilities management sector.

Helen Bellinger Director of Doncaster Research School

Helen is an experienced former Headteacher, Executive Headteacher and System Leader with over 20 years' experience of working with schools across Doncaster and South Yorkshire. In addition, Helen has worked as a Local Authority Senior Standards and Effectiveness Officer and has been involved in the design and delivery of a number of leadership programmes, both regionally and nationally. She is also the Director of School Improvement for Partners in Learning TSA and works closely with the LA, leading the Standards and Effectiveness Partner (StEP) programme and co-ordinating school to school support.