

The Corporation of New College Durham – Corporation Members

Stephen King – Chair

Stephen King has been a member since August 2021 and was appointed Chair of Corporation from 1 January 2024. He is an experienced executive and non-executive director in large sector leading organisations and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Marketing and a member of the Institute of Directors. He enjoyed a 27-year career at leading bus company Go North East, which took him from youth trainee to boardroom as Commercial Director. In addition to his role at New College Durham he is also a non-executive director at Visit County Durham and a Board Trustee at Beamish Museum.



He is a regular speaker on the MBA Business Course at Teesside University Business School on Corporate Social Responsibility and Environment Social Governance and is an SME business mentor on the Captured Programme at Newcastle University Business School. He is also an Enterprise Advisor with the North East Local Enterprise Partnership where he is paired with North Durham Academy to support its career guidance agenda.

Stephen sits on the Search & Governance and the Finance & Resources Committees which he also chairs. He is also the Governor responsible for Careers Education and Guidance.

Andy Broadbent

Andy has been a Member since July 2020 following appointment to the role of Principal and Chief Executive of New College Durham. He has worked in the North East area all of his life and has over 28 years' experience working in the public sector including over 26 years' experience working in Further and Higher Education in senior financial roles. He has Board level experience in Academies and Local Government Pension



Funds and is a Fellow Chartered Certified Accountant (FCCA).

Andy sits on five Committees: Further Education Quality, Curriculum & Students, Higher Education Quality, Curriculum & Students, Finance & Resources, Academy Sponsorship and Search & Governance.

Ben Fisher – Co Vice Chair

Ben has been a Member of the Corporation since 2021 and Co Vice Chair since July 2023. Ben is Associate Dean for Business and Enterprise and Acting Associate Dean for Research and Innovation in the Business School at Teesside University. He leads all aspects of research, business and enterprise in the School including REF, research centre and research group management, postgraduate research, commercial income generation, employability and managing external partnerships.

Ben sits on the Higher Education Quality, Curriculum & Students Committee which he also chairs.



Joyce Drummond-Hill

Joyce has been a Member since 22 June 2016. Joyce worked for many years as a Head of Internal Audit in the Public Sector. She served on a number of global committees for her professional organisation and gained board level experience in an NHS trust and a number of charities before joining Corporation.

Joyce Chairs the Audit & Risk Committee as well as serving on the Academy Sponsorship Committee.



Joy Brindle

Joy has been a Member since 13 July 2016. She has over thirty years' experience in local government in the Midlands and North East, her most recent roles being in senior leadership teams. As well as her Corporation role, Joy is a student herself, having recently started studying for a PhD. She is chair of a small heritage/environmental charity, and a gardening volunteer at a charity which supports adults with their mental wellbeing.

Joy chairs the Further Education Quality, Curriculum & Students Committee as well as serving on the Finance & Resources Committee and Remuneration Committee.



Chris Patterson

Chris has been a Member of Corporation since September 2022. He is a Chartered Public Finance Accountant and has had a number of roles in education finance for over 13 years, including working as a school business manager, as chair of a school finance committee and most recently as the government's lead for financial reporting and audit of FE colleges. He also has a personal connection with NCD as he undertook part of his accountancy training at the college.

Chris sits on two committees: Finance & Resources and Academy Sponsorship which he also Chairs.



Davey Benson

Davey has been a Member since July 2022 and is the Support Staff Governor. He has 35 years industry experience, working in mechanical engineering across a diverse range of sectors, including automation and Engineering subcontract. He has worked as an Apprentice Skills Coordinator within the School of Mechanical Engineering and Built Environment since December 2018. Davey has over 35 years of instructing and assessing military skills in the voluntary youth sector and most recently strategic leadership within the Cadet Forces.



Davey sits on two Committees: Further Education Quality, Curriculum & Students and Academy Sponsorship. He is also the Governor responsible for Safeguarding.

Allen Eccles

Allen has been a Member of the Corporation since September 2021 and is also a member of the Audit Committee. Allen is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. He specialises in risk management and controls, supporting financial services organisations across the UK and North America. Allen lives in Durham and has a keen passion for helping young people to achieve their potential through education.

Allen sits on the Audit & Risk Committee.



Mark Gomersall

Mark Gomersall has been a member of the corporation since 2021, he is the academic staff governor having been employed at New College Durham since 2013. Following undergraduate study and training in Finance, Mark retrained to become a Maths teacher – with experience in Secondary education prior to working in the Further Education sector.

Mark sits on two Committees: Further Education Quality, Curriculum & Students and Higher Education Quality Curriculum & Students.



Ian Green – Co Vice Chair

Ian has been a Member since March 2022 and Co Vice Chair since July 2023. He has always lived in the North East and worked in Sunderland within Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering for the last 39 years. Ian has extensive experience working across Africa, the Middle East, Europe, India and The Americas. For the last 27 years his focus has been on learning and development within the sector. He has been involved in multiple boards both regionally and nationally and currently jointly Chairs the NE Apprenticeship Ambassador network, as well as representing



the region nationally on the Electrification and green sustainability agenda.

Ian sits on three Committees: Audit & Risk, Higher Education Quality Curriculum & Students and Remuneration which he also chairs.

Emily Baxter

Emily Baxter has been a member of the Corporation since November 2022. Emily has a Masters in Applied Management and is a governance and compliance professional who has worked across both public and private sectors and is keen to share knowledge and experiences to support the College and students achieve through education.

Emily is a member of two committees, Further Education Quality, Curriculum & Students and the Audit & Risk Committee.



Alice Tomlinson

Alice has been a Member since August 2023 and is the Students' Union President. Alice has been a student at the college since her Level 3 and recently completed her BA Hons Popular Music. She has acted as course representative for the Foundation and top up of Music and brings experience of running children and young people's groups. After two summers at Camp America she was promoted to Camp Supervisor role and has skills and experience that support the College's enrichment offer during the academic year. Alice sits on the Higher Education Quality, Curriculum & Students and Further Education Quality, Curriculum & Students Committees.



Suzanne Slater

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Moss White

Moss has been a Member since November 2023. Moss is currently in her second year of studying A-Levels at the College in Geography, Physics, Biology and Sociology. Following this, Moss will be attending university to study for a BSc in Geography. Moss has sat on multiple student bodies including the Student Council, Eco Council and has acted as Form Representative.

Moss sits on the Further Education Quality, Curriculum & Students Committee.



Rhiannon Hiles



Jonathan Hamill

Jonathan has been a Member since March 2024. Jonathan is an accomplished board-level executive leader. He is the Managing Director of an industrial fire prevention and measuring technology company near Newcastle, which is part of an international group; he is also responsible for global marketing. Jonathan is a Masters graduate (Executive Masters in Enterprise Management) of Durham University, a Chartered Manager, Fellow of the Chartered Management Institute and Member of the Institute of Directors. Jonathan lives in Durham with his Wife (a language teacher and school Governor) and three teenage children.



Vacancies

There are currently two vacancies for independent members.

The Chair can be contacted at the College's address:

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