

The Members

The Members of the Multi Academy Trust are the equivalent of the shareholders in a commercial company (save that they do not receive dividends). In simple terms the Members "own" the Academy Trust. They have a number of statutory rights and responsibilities that are set out in the Academy Trust's Articles of Association.

Role of the Members:

The Members may be considered as the guardians of the constitution. They will meet at least once a year though may meet more often if necessary.

The reserved powers of the Members are:

- To review and amend the Articles of Association which are the constitution of the Academy Trust specifying the composition of the membership and how it conducts business;
- To change the name of the Academy Trust;
- To appoint and remove of the majority of Trustees;
- To receive an annual report from the Trustees and the CEO on the Academy Trust's performance;
- To appoint the external auditors; and
- To approve any service contracts between the Trust and any of its Trustees.

Who Are our Members?

Sir Steve Lancashire – Sir Steve is a former Headteacher and Executive Headteacher of Hillyfield Academy in Waltham Forest and Tidemill Academy in Deptford.

One of the original London Challenge Heads and an architect of the 'from good to great' programme of school improvement. Sir Steve is the founder and former CEO of REACH2 Academy Trust, the largest primary academy MAT in the country. Sir Steve is now an Education Leadership Consultant operating nationally and internationally.

John Ellison - John is a former secondary school science teacher, higher education mentor and medical and biological researcher. John was the Royal Botanical Gardens Kew's Education Officer for ten years and Head of Formal Learning at the Eden Project for nine years.

Anne Stevens - Anne is an award-winning, commercial MBA who has operated in leading multinational companies. Recognised for outstanding leadership, delivering the people agenda in line with business strategy and for nurturing and developing talent, with a particular passion for the progression and advancement of women.

Anne now has a portfolio career using her strong business, consulting and governance skills. Experienced as a Chair and a Director at Board level, she is a winner of the 'Global Inspirational Woman' award at the Women's International Networking Conference in Rome.

Anne has held global, international and national Executive roles within IBM, CSC, NCH, CMC Markets & Rio Tinto. Anne is currently a HR Consultant, Executive Coach and Business Adviser as well as The Chair of the Advisory Board for the Business School at the University of Portsmouth.

Sue English - Sue was Head of Political Programmes at the BBC and a Member of the BBC News Board. An award winning national journalist, Sue chaired the negotiations between the broadcasters and political parties which resulted in the first Prime Ministerial election debates.

Sue is Chair of the Disasters Emergency Committee and Member of the Sky News Board.