

BOARD OF GOVERNORS' PROFILES



Rob Badcock has been the Principal & Chief Executive of Milton Keynes College since 2003. Prior to joining the College, Rob was the Chief Executive of Milton Keynes Manpower Forum, a work-based learning provider. Since graduating with a BA Hons in Scandinavian Studies at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne and working as a translator in Sweden, Rob has enjoyed a career in the learning and skills sector spanning some 30 years.



Lincoln Bedeau joined the Board in November 2006. He is the Managing Director of askMK Television, which is the first on-line TV network in Milton Keynes. He has lived, studied and worked in Milton Keynes for over 30 years and is also an ex-student of the College, having achieved a BTEC Diploma in Business Studies. He is a former member of the Independent Advisory Group (IAG) for Thames Valley Police. Lincoln serves on the Search & Governance Committee.



Sonia Bhola joined the Board in April 2008. Sonia is a Solicitor with Keystone Law, specializing in Employment Law and has worked in Milton Keynes for over ten years. Sonia was previously a Governor of Walton High and more recently Trustee of Milton Keynes Racial Equality Council where she was the Chair of the Human Resources Committee. Sonia chairs the Remuneration Committee and serves on the Search & Governance Committee.



John Fazackerley joined the Board in 2000. He is a senior manager at Grant Thornton in Milton Keynes, with responsibility for audit and business advisory services to a range of clients, and has served on the Boards of various local voluntary organisations. John chairs the Audit Committee and serves on the Remuneration Committee.



Cathy Gowling was elected as a Staff Governor in 2009. Cathy lives in Bletchley with her husband and two teenage children. She was born in Zaire and spent the first 18 years of her life travelling the world before settling in Milton Keynes in 1986. Cathy has a marketing background and has worked in merchant banking, printing, design and motor sport industries. She joined the College in 2000 as the Learning Support, Key Skills and Enrichment Administrator and now works in the Student Support department, a diverse, supportive and friendly team.



Sean Hickey joined the Board in 2005. He has strong business and financial skills and understanding of a range of accounting principles. He has lived in Milton Keynes for many years and worked at different business, training and financial institutions, including the Training & Enterprise Council and Milton Keynes and North Bucks Chamber of Commerce and he is currently Director of Business and Enterprise at the Milton Keynes Academy. Sean is an active member on many organisations within Milton Keynes including Countec and the Woughton Leisure Centre. Sean serves on the Audit and Remuneration Committees.



Nick Hicks joined the Board in 2005. He is Chief Executive of Milton Keynes Primary Care Trust. In 1998 he joined the core team at the Department of Health responsible for drafting the CHD National Service Framework. In 2000 he was appointed as a member of a new small Strategy Unit set up to work closely with Ministers at the Department of Health and was closely involved with the development of the NHS Plan and continues to be a member of several government advisory groups on health. Nick is also Chair of MK Early Years Development and Young Peoples Partnership and is a member of the Association of Directors of Public Health.



Jan Lloyd joined the Board in 2003. She is a retired Head Teacher of a day & residential special school for pupils with a complexity of need. She has experience of managing and being responsible for every aspect of complex educational establishments, catering for some of the most vulnerable young people. Jan is a Labour member of MK Council and is currently Councillor for Eaton Manor Ward and a former Mayor of Milton Keynes. She also serves on a number of local groups. Jan is the Governor Champion for Child Protection Issues on the Board.



Stephen Norrish joined the Board in October 2009. Stephen has lived and worked in Milton Keynes for 25 years and is currently Co-Director of the MK Christian Foundation, a local charity working mostly with young people, offering them learning opportunities through their engagement in a variety of social enterprises. He currently chairs the MK Community Property Company, has previously been involved in supporting and managing a number of regeneration schemes in the area and is a former Chair of MKCVO and MK Community Foundation. Stephen was made an MBE in 2001 for services to the community, especially young people.



Francesca Skelton joined the Board in 2002 and was appointed Chair of Governors in July 2007. Francesca's experience crosses the private, public and voluntary sectors. She first commuted to London to work for The Guardian, moving on to publishing management at IPC magazines. She later built her understanding of the local community as Manager of the charity Relate Milton Keynes, and Chair of Milton Keynes Community Foundation, where she continues to serve as a trustee. She was appointed as a Deputy Lieutenant for Buckinghamshire in 2007. Francesca chairs the Search & Governance Committee and serves on the Remuneration Committee.



Iain Smith joined the Board in 1998. He is an architect and director of an architecture and urban design practice with offices in Buckingham and Manchester. He has been closely involved in most stages of the planning and design of Milton Keynes from an early stage and his practice continues to be involved in the design and development of high profile projects in the city centre and surrounding areas. Iain's business involvement with incoming and local companies expanding their activities in Milton Keynes also provides opportunities to introduce these companies to the College's training provisions. Iain is Vice-Chair of Governors.



Ian Stuart joined the Board in 2005. He is Managing Director of Heart Radio, having previously worked in the print media. He lives in Milton Keynes with his wife and 2 sons and was brought up and educated in the area. Ian is a Milton Keynes Chamber of Commerce Ambassador and Chairman of Sherington Football Club.



Phil Verity joined the Board in April 2008. Phil has been a partner of Mazars LLP since 1999. Mazars LLP is an international accountancy and business advisory firm and has had a local office in Milton Keynes since 1982. Phil specialises in Audit and Transaction support services and advises mid-market companies who are actively looking to grow their businesses, whether owner-managed, entrepreneurial or listed. He is also a Mazars' regional managing partner and Board Member of the UK firm. Phil serves on the Audit Committee.



Silvia Vitiello joined the Board in June 2010. Silvia is an Auditor and Business Advisory Partner with MacIntyre Hudson LLP. She has a varied client base and enjoys working closely with her clients to ensure she can understand and anticipate their needs. She is also the President of the Milton Keynes and North Bucks Chamber of Commerce and a Trustee of Safety Centre (Hazard Alley) Limited, a local charity. Silvia serves on the Audit Committee.