

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS' PROFILES



**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.



**Becky Findley** was elected as a Staff Governor in 2010. She is a former Milton Keynes College student and is currently a lecturer in media and journalism. She has been teaching at the college for ten years, while also studying for a PhD in media and communication. When she is not teaching (or marking), she enjoys snowboarding and ice skating. Becky serves on the Audit Committee.



**Sean Harriott** was elected as a Staff Governor in 2011. Sean is a former student of the College and is currently a member of the support staff. He trained as a Youth Worker in 2003 which was quickly followed by a degree in Child and Adolescence Studies. He has been a youth worker for 15 years in a variety of settings, including youth centres, outreach, schools and a secure training centre. He has worked in partnership with major children and youth organisations across the city and has been involved in developing strategies to safeguard children and young people across the city.



**Nick Hicks** joined the Board in 2005. He is jointly appointed Director of Public Health of Milton Keynes Primary Care Trust and Milton Keynes Council. 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. He is also an Honorary Senior Research Fellow at the University of Oxford's Department of Primary Health Care and a Senior Associate of the Nuffield Trust, London.



**Fola Komolafe** joined the Board in January 2011. She is Managing Director with Indisys Business Solutions, a consultancy firm that assists clients with developing and implementing their corporate business, marketing and IT strategy. Fola also started Fresh Inspiration, a charity that focuses on empowering people through education and enterprise in developing countries. Fola has previously worked with IBM as Head of Diversity and specialises in business strategy, process reengineering, IT, project and change management. Fola serves on the Search & Governance Committee



**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.



**Dr Liz Marr** joined the Board in December 2011 and is Director of the Centre for Inclusion and Curriculum at the Open University. After leaving school she started university as a mature student and a BSc, MSc and PhD later, Liz began working as a lecturer at Manchester Metropolitan University where she eventually became head of widening participation. In 2009, she moved to the OU where she has been able to pursue her passion - the provision of higher education as a means of achieving social justice. Liz recently completed the MBA in Higher Education Management at the Institute of Education, University of London. She doesn't have very much spare time as she is a) a workaholic and b) always travelling. Liz is a member of the Remuneration Committee.



**Julie Mills** was appointed Principal & Chief Executive of Milton Keynes College in January 2011 and prior to this Julie was Deputy Principal for 5 years. Julie is an Open University graduate and was awarded a doctorate in 2005 for her academic research into the psychological contract of prison education staff. Julie is passionate about closing diversity gaps and challenging discrimination and is a mentor for the Black Leadership Initiative and the Women's Leadership Network. Julie is also a trustee of the Helena Kennedy Foundation, MK Higher Education Board, MK Economy & Learning Partnership and is a director of Border Engineering Limited, an engineering company based in Luton.



**Stephen Norrish MBE** 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.



**Silvia Vitiello** joined the Board in June 2010. Silvia is a Partner in Kingston Smith LLP with 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 and Trustee of the Public Arts Trust Milton Keynes Limited. Silvia serves on the Audit Committee.