

Directors representing OEYC Ltd

Kathy Dunnett - Chair

Kathy Dunnett is a Senior Adviser for School Governance and works at Herts for Learning. She has been in governance for many years within schools and charities, covering a number of roles. She was recently Chair of Governors at a primary school, and has previously been a Chair of Governors at a special secondary school. Currently she holds many governance roles. She is a Trustee on the Board of a Multi Academy Trust, a governor in a small primary school and a Member of a single academy and a Multi-Academy Trust.

Kathy specialised working with vulnerable children's groups, especially children looked after. Kathy has been involved with many national organisations and worked with the Department of Health on developing the Children's National Service Frameworks, and the DCSF in the early stages of Integrated Practice and Every Child Matters. She has authored and edited books/papers on children's health, partnership working, and the common assessment framework.

Kathy Dunnett is a National Leader of Governance (NLG), and was involved in the development of national materials and training for External Reviews of Governance. She is also the NLG Advocate for Hertfordshire and Luton and supports the deployment of other NLG's in the area.

More recently, she has just completed a course in Leadership Coaching, offering support to leaders in a variety of organisations.

Julie Raybould - Deputy Chair

Julie has 14 years school governance experience in both primary and secondary education. Julie clerks for several other governing boards in the Hertfordshire area and is a Hertfordshire Senior Leader of Governance, supporting other chairs and schools in the development of their governance practice.

Julie worked in the travel and tourism industry for 28 years, managing a team responsible for a million travellers a year. She had oversight of a multimillion pound budget and extensive exposure to corporate HR. A later career change took her into recruitment and then into governance administration. Julie graduated in December 2019 with a First Class BA(hons) degree in Leadership & Professional development from the University of Hertfordshire.

Ash Patil - Deputy Chair

Ash takes pride in his voluntary work helping governance at Early Years Centres to Primary and Secondary Schools as well as technical colleges. Over the last 10 years he has made it his mission to contribute to enhancing the life chances of young people. His background, however, is completely different with his Electrical Engineering degree and a postgraduate degree in Operations Research from Birmingham University. Ash has spent most of his working life in the information technology industry first with Xerox and then with Digital, Compaq, Hewlett Packard and lately with Vodafone and T-Systems. Today he is involved in setting up a new venture in Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics and some unique software platforms for the retail industry. Ash has lived in Rickmansworth in Hertfordshire for over 40 years and in addition to chairing the Board of Governors at two other schools and the Board of Members at another Secondary School, he is also chair of a local music society. Ash is also a cricketer and used to coach youngsters at a historical local cricket club. Ash feels particularly privileged to have the opportunity to work with Oxhey Early Years Centre.

Dawn Burley

Dawn Burley is a district Early Years Consultant working with leaders and practitioners in early years settings to raise quality and develop practice. Dawn has worked directly with children from birth to 5 years in early years settings. She led and managed a large team providing full day care. Dawn has previously trained and been an EY Ofsted inspector. Dawn develops and delivers training sessions for the Young in Herts training programme.

Emma Wild

Emma Wild is a district Early Years Consultant working with leaders and practitioners in early years settings & schools to raise quality and develop practice through consultancy, training and advice. Emma has a particular interest in engaging parents in home learning.

Emma has developed the EPIC HfL programme of training for the PVI sector and offers practical workshops to early years practitioners to contribute to their ongoing CPD.

Emma has worked directly with children from birth to 5 years in early years settings and as a nursery and reception teacher. Emma also has previous experience as a children's centre teacher supporting early years settings and parents and working on projects to support settings move from good to outstanding.

James Roach

James is currently the Chief Executive Officer of the Inclusive Multi Academy Trust. He has extensive experience in education, working in Watford schools since 2001. His previous roles include two primary (including Nursery) school headships in Hertfordshire where he demonstrated a track record of rapid school improvement. He led the academisation of Laurance Haines in November 2016 and set up the Inclusive Multi Academy Trust, which includes a further two schools - Beechfield and Cherry Tree. James is a keen advocate for disadvantaged children and established the Trust in order to ensure children in the most disadvantaged areas of Watford are given the same life chances as their peers throughout Hertfordshire. James' passion for curriculum development with a family centred, nurturing approach to learning is central to the Trust ethos. James has formerly worked as a Hertfordshire Improvement Partner where he was part of a team monitoring and supporting primary schools across Hertfordshire.

Ela Konyardi - Staff Director and Daycare Manager

Ela have been working as a nursery manager for over 10 years in the early years sector. Ela is currently working as a Daycare manager at Oxhey Early Years Centre Ltd.

Ela is passionate about providing high quality early years education, creating a purposeful and meaningful environment where children are excited to attend and learn through carefully planned play experiences.

Ela holds a Bachelor Degree in Early Years: Education and Leadership in Practice alongside other relevant training for the early years sector.

Ela has an interest to work within a community where she can extend her experience, knowledge and skills leading projects to provide family support through partnership work, ensuring all children can access quality early years education, a stepping stone to further learning.