



Dallam School Local Advisory Committee Member Profiles

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Alan Gerrard (Chair/Community LAC Member)



Alan has over 23 years' experience as a school governor, 10 of which were as Chair of a large Junior School in Northamptonshire. Alan has completed the National College for Leadership 'Chairs of Governors' Leadership Development Programme'. Alan is retired but previously worked as an R&D Director in Unilever's Ice Cream business, with responsibility for significant capital assets, budgets and various staff teams. During his career he has lived and worked in the Netherlands, Austria and Thailand. In addition to being the Chair of the Dallam School Local Advisory Committee, Alan is also a Trustee on the South Westmorland MAT Board and he sits on a number of Board and LAC sub committees. Alan lives in Crosthwaite with his wife.

Positions held:

- Chair of the Dallam School Local Advisory Committee
- SWMAT Trustee
- SWMAT Board Link SEND Trustee
- LAC Champion – Boarding, Pupil Premium

Morag Knight (Vice Chair/Community LAC Member)



Morag qualified as a vet in 1997 and worked in the local area for several years. She was a governor at Heron Hill Primary School for over 12 years and was Chair for 6 years. Morag has completed various training courses relevant to both the primary and secondary sector. She currently holds the position of LAC Safeguarding Champion and works closely with Dallam's Designated Safeguarding Lead. She is also the LAC's Sixth Form Champion. Morag is passionate about ensuring the best outcomes for all students. Morag joined Dallam as a Parent Governor in 2016 and is now a Community Member of the Local Advisory Committee. Morag's daughter attended Dallam and is now studying Sport and Exercise Science at Loughborough University. Her son is currently studying in Dallam's Sixth Form

Positions held:

- Vice Chair of the Dallam School Local Advisory Committee
- LAC Champion – Safeguarding, Sixth Form, Single Equality

Chris Gates (Community LAC Member)



Born and educated in Morecambe, Chris studied for a law degree in Manchester before completing his professional qualification in York. Chris joined Wright & Lord Solicitors in 2003 and became a Partner in 2008 overseeing offices in Milnthorpe and Morecambe. His areas of practice are in Family Law and Private Client. Chris joined the Local Advisory Committee in September 2017 and is currently the SEND and Parent Engagement Champion. Chris is married with two sons who are both at Dallam and he lives in Bolton-le-Sands. Chris has an active involvement with Bolton le Sands Cricket Club, being on the committee and helping to run the junior teams.

Positions held:

- LAC Champion – SEND
- Chair of the Dallam LAC Safeguarding Committee

David Grecic (Community LAC Member)



David is a Professor in Sport, Health and Physical Activity at University of Central Lancashire in Preston. His academic role there is as a Principal Lecturer in Talent Development and as the course leader for the MA in Physical Education and School Sport. In these roles David works with students, sports' governing bodies, professional sports clubs, schools and education organisations to improve the learning environment for pupils / athletes and the professional practice of those who work with them. Currently his consultancy work focuses on the transition from school to professional careers in sport for the English FA, British Cycling, and Sale Sharks rugby club. His international remit meanwhile provides him with a valuable insight into the educational and cultural practices in many countries around the world. David is an ex-PE teacher, but he has also had experience in senior management in schools, colleges, and university. He holds post graduate sporting qualifications, in addition to a MBA and a PhD based on how teaching and learning concepts can be best implemented and aligned within high performing environments. David lives locally in Arnside and has two children at the school.

Positions held:

- LAC Champion – Careers, Digital Learning
- Chair of the Dallam LAC Performance and Evaluation Committee

Enid Fraser (SWMAT Appointed Member)



Enid is a retired headteacher. She spent 8 years as headteacher at Settlebeck School in Sedbergh having previously been the Deputy Head. Following this period, she became part of Cumbria's School Improvement Team, supported primary and secondary schools across the county, delivered training, helped to develop the original NPQH and became a course leader. She also trained as an Ofsted inspector as part of the Cumbria team, participating in many inspections in the north of England. In 1999, Enid returned to headship at Parkview School in Barrow in Furness. Retiring in 2008, she became Executive Officer for the South Lakes Federation (Ltd) where she managed the business, worked closely with schools and their headteachers and supported the strategic direction and development of the federation. She has worked as an independent consultant and been involved in the recruitment of number of senior leaders in schools. Enid is currently the Chair of the South Westmorland MAT Board. She lives in Levens.

Positions held:

- Chair of the SWMAT Board
- Chair of the SWMAT Accounting Officer/Headteacher Appraisal Committee
- SWMAT Board Safeguarding Link Trustee

Tim Dodgson (Parent Member)



Tim Dodgson is a new Parent member of the Local Advisory Committee and the father of a student in year 7. This is Tim's second time as a parent representative on a school management board. He became a Parent Governor at his child's primary school in Heysham back in 2016, before becoming the Chair of Governors 3 years later, a role he continues to have. Tim has extensive knowledge working alongside the school towards achieving the best outcomes for all pupils on their education journey. In his Governing role, he is also the Safeguarding Governor as well as the Wellbeing Governor. Both these roles suit Tim's 24-year employment with Lancashire Constabulary as a Detective, having previously worked in Domestic Abuse and Child Protection. Tim is currently the Staff Wellbeing Officer with responsibility for every member of staff from Carnforth down to North Preston. Tim loves making a positive difference to fellow colleagues and employees. Tim lives in Heysham with his family.

Positions held:

- LAC Champion – Staff Voice and Wellbeing

Deb Park (Parent Member)



Deb is a new Parent member of the Local Advisory Committee and has a daughter in Year 9. One of Deb's big motivators is 'making a difference' and as a pragmatist she is suited to 'doing' as well as discussing; action alongside words; coaching and advising towards innovation and improvement. Deb has a keen interest in experiential education as part of the whole curriculum embedded in all subjects. Given the unique location of Dallam with wonderful countryside on our doorstep this can be part of boosting the well-being of students as well as contributing to first-hand experiences aligned to the curriculum. This also aligns to Deb's commitment to climate change and environmental awareness raising. Deb has been a governor of a small rural primary school and works as a self-employed leadership and personal development coach, as well as having a part time position at Lancaster University Management School working with Masters level students working toward Developing their Professional Practice. Deb lives in Burneside, Kendal with her family

Positions held:

- LAC Champion - PSHE

Becky Hastie (Teaching Staff Member)



Becky is the Teaching Staff member and a Geography teacher.

We have a Support Staff vacancy and the election process is currently underway