



**Local Enterprise Partnership Chairs
Biographies 2022**

Tom Westley DL
Black Country LEP

Black Country LEP



Tom is Chairman of the Westley Group, one of Europe's largest copper-based alloy foundry and engineering groups consisting of five brands: Spunalloys, Walter Frank, Francis W Birkett, Westleys, JT Price and Meighs Ltd. The group employs more than 300 people and has a turnover in excess of €30 million.

Tom is the Board Lead on Enterprise Zones and Chair of the Enterprise Zones Management Steering Group.

He is also a member of the Funding Applications Sub-Group and a LEP representative on the Black Country Joint Advisory Group.

In 2017, Tom was made Deputy Lieutenant to Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the West Midlands.

www.blackcountrylep.co.uk

Andrew Smith OBE DL
Buckinghamshire LEP

Buckinghamshire
LOCAL ENTERPRISE
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THE ENTREPRENEURIAL HEART OF BRITAIN



Andrew always wanted to work in the film industry, then after being a civil servant, having a stint in politics, starting up his own business and training to be a scuba diving instructor, his dream came true and he went to work for Pinewood in 2008.

As Director of Corporate Affairs, Andrew has been instrumental in the development of the Pinewood site and development of the international reputation of the studio and in particular in developing strong investment links.

A Board member of Buckinghamshire LEP since 2012, Andrew has been instrumental in guiding and supporting the growth of the LEP and his knowledge of the film and creative arts sector has been invaluable in the development of this growth area for Buckinghamshire. Andrew is also a non-executive Director of Buckinghamshire Business First.

He is passionate about allowing everybody opportunity, especially the long-term unemployed and NEETs.

www.buckstvllep.co.uk



Alex Plant
Greater Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority (The Business Board)



Alex became Strategy and Regulation Director at Anglian Water in 2017 and led for the company on its Business Plan and engagement with Ofwat for PR19 and the subsequent CMA Redetermination process. He is now taking forward the plans for new reservoir systems in the region to address the water scarcity challenges in the East.

Previously he has worked as Director of Regulation at Royal Mail, Executive Director for Economy, Transport & Environment at Cambridgeshire County Council, and Chief Executive of Cambridgeshire Horizons (the body overseeing the plans for sustainable new communities in Cambridgeshire).

Earlier in his career, Alex was Deputy Regional Director of the Government Office for the East of England, spent 4 years as Head of Economic Policy and International Aviation at the CAA, and worked in HM Treasury on competition policy, including leading the work on the 2002 Enterprise Act.

In addition to his role with Anglian Water, Alex is a Board Member for Water Resources East, and chairs the Regional Productivity Forum for East Anglia (as part of the wider £32m ESRC-funded Productivity Institute).

cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/who-we-are/business-board

Clare Hayward MBE DL
Cheshire & Warrington Enterprise Partnership



Clare co-founded, developed and sold Academee, a global leadership development consultancy, to Oliver Wyman, a division of Marsh and McLennan Companies in 2008. She was retained, post-acquisition, as Global Partner of Sales and Market Development within this Fortune250 group.

A successful businesswoman and entrepreneur focused on leadership and strategic engagement who has coached, facilitated and chaired boards, senior management teams and leaders across the globe over the last 20 years working in industry sectors including technology, banking and finance, natural resources, retail and manufacturing. Experience also includes investment funding and negotiating the sale and purchase of several businesses. Clare also has significant experience within the community, charity and local political landscape.

Clare is the Growth Director at Cirrus, a Leadership, talent and engagement consulting firm, working with FTSE 100 clients and is also a Deputy Lieutenant for Cheshire. Other roles include: Queen's Voluntary Award Assessment Board, East Cheshire Hospice Ambassador and Angel, and MMU MBA Advisory Board. Previous roles include: Chair of Make it Macclesfield and board member of Peaks and Plains Housing Trust.

www.871candwep.co.uk

Julie Kapsalis
Coast to Capital LEP



Julie has worked in economic development for over 15 years with a particular focus on enterprise, skills and social inclusion. She served as an advisor to the UK Government's task force on women's enterprise and has recently contributed to the Rose Review of Female Entrepreneurship. Julie is diversity champion for the LEP.

She is a Board Member at Gatwick Diamond Business and the Institute of Economic

Development and is former Chair of the Chichester Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

Julie is Managing Director of Chichester College Group with responsibility for a portfolio of commercial businesses including a chain of childcare nurseries, examination board and international education.

Julie previously worked as director at the South East England Development Agency, managing a portfolio of contracts including Business Link and Finance South East. Prior to this she has a background in consumer marketing and PR. In 2012 she fulfilled a long-held ambition to work on the London 2012 Olympics and managed a legacy programme to encourage volunteering and community engagement in sport.

www.coast2capital.org.uk

Mark Duddridge
Cornwall & Isles of Scilly LEP



CORNWALL &
ISLES OF SCILLY
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Mark was a main board director of Samworth Brothers which owns Callington-based Ginsters and Tamar Foods in South East Cornwall.

He was Managing Director of Ginsters for 15 years, Samworth Brothers for almost 20 years and until recently was a Director of Roddas Clotted Cream.

Before that he held a variety of roles with Northern Foods, including commercial and site Director of a

number of their operating businesses.

He is currently an associate non-executive Director of the Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.

www.cioslep.com

Sarah Windrum
Coventry & Warwickshire
LEP



Sarah Windrum was appointed chair of the CWLEP in April 2021. She became a board director in 2016 and was chair of the Digital and Creative Business Group from 2018 when it launched where she supported the rapid growth of the technology sector and championed digital skills.

Sarah completed a two-year spell in 2021 as the West Midlands Policy Advisor for the Federation of Small Businesses where she influenced policy for the improvement of digital skills, infrastructure, and culture for small businesses and the self-employed. She is also a former vice-chair of the Skills Board at Tech UK and was an industry advisory board member of Ada, the National College for Digital Skills.

Sarah is a board member of the West Midlands Combined Authority's Innovation and Strategic Economic Development boards and served on its Mental Health Select Committee. She is the founder and a director of the Leamington-based technology company The Emerald Group which provides expert IT advice, support and solutions for businesses.

www.cwlep.com

Lord Richard Inglewood
Cumbria LEP



Richard Inglewood is a Cumbrian non-affiliated Member of the House of Lords. He was previously Chair of the boards of Cumbrian businesses Carr's Milling Industries plc, CN Group Ltd and Gen2.

Lord Inglewood has also held a number of ministerial positions during his career. He was the minister for broadcasting and for tourism during his time as Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department of National Heritage in the late 1990s. He

has also served twice as a regional MEP, first for Cumbria and Lancashire North and then for North West England.

He is President of Cumbria Tourism and has been Deputy Lieutenant for Cumbria since 1993 and Vice-Lord Lieutenant for Cumbria since 2012.

Lord Inglewood was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge and the Cumbria College of Agriculture and Forestry. He was called to the Bar in 1975, is a Chartered Surveyor (MRICS) and a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries (FSA).

www.thecumbrialep.co.uk

Elizabeth Fagan CBE
Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham &
Nottinghamshire



Elizabeth became Chair of the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership in July 2018. She is the recent former Non-Executive Chairman of Boots, having been appointed as the first female Managing Director of Boots in 2016.

Elizabeth sits on the board of the Office for Students, the independent regulator for higher education in England. She is also a Non-Executive Director of the Australian listed pooling solutions company Brambles. She is President of the Incorporated Society of British Advertisers and is a member and past President of Women in Advertising and Communications Club. Elizabeth was also a

member of the ASA Council for six years. In August 2013, she became a Fellow of the Marketing Society and, in the same year, was awarded a Cosmetic Executive Women UK, Achiever Award.

Elizabeth has been awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science by Nottingham Trent University and in January 2020 received a CBE in the Queen's New Year Honours list for her services to gender equality in business.

On the LEP Network Board, Elizabeth represents the East Midlands Region which covers D2N2 LEP, Coventry & Warwickshire LEP, Greater Lincolnshire LEP and Leicester & Leicestershire LEP.

www.d2n2lep.org

Cecilia Bufton
Dorset LEP



Cecilia has enjoyed a successful business career over 30 years, working in a range of companies from SMEs to multinational businesses and a Trade Association.

She has held senior level roles in strategic marketing, sales and business development and brings to the Board her experiences of working in medical, pharmaceutical, digital health and wellbeing companies.

Her career has involved the development and delivery of products and services that help change the way healthcare is delivered.

As a non-executive director, business adviser and charity chair, Cecilia's enjoys working with organisations, helping to create a compelling vision for their future and working with them to achieve their goals.

Cecilia is a science graduate with an MBA focused on international, strategic marketing and a certificate in Global Leadership from the University of Oxford. With her expertise, Cecilia is well placed to drive forward Dorset LEP's ambition to secure investment from the government and the private sector and really put Dorset on the map.

www.dorsetlep.co.uk

Michael Queen
Enterprise M3 LEP



Michael was formerly Chief Executive of 3i Group plc, the global investment company where after 25 years he retired in 2012 having developed 3i's activities in the infrastructure sector through founding 3i Infrastructure plc. In 1994 he was seconded to the HM Treasury to help to develop the potential for the Private Finance Initiative in the NHS as Head of the NHS Private Finance Unit. In 2002 Michael was Chairman of the British

Venture Capital Association. Between 2010 and 2012 he was a member of the Prime Ministers Business Advisory Group.

He is currently Chair of the University of Surrey and Chair of the Council of University Chairs. He is a Director of BTL Limited, a company developing the Thames Tideway tunnel, Chair of Collier Capital Limited, a Director of TAQA, a Saudi based industrial company, and is also an advisor to an Indian Private Equity Group.

Between 2012 and 2018 he was President of Surrey 100, a Business Angel Group attached to the University of Surrey where he invested in a portfolio of early-stage technology companies. Michael has a BA (Hons) Industrial Economics from Nottingham University and is a Chartered Accountant.

www.enterprisem3.org.uk

Ruth Dooley
GFirst LEP



Ruth Dooley is a partner at Hazlewoods LLP. She is a chartered accountant and tax adviser for a wide range of companies and private clients and is a previous winner of South West Accountant of the Year.

She has been instructed in over 100 cases and has experience in family, professional negligence and commercial cases.

During her thirty years in Gloucestershire, she has contributed to the Prince's Trust, Fredericks Gloucestershire, BBC Radio Gloucestershire, the Honourable Company of Gloucestershire and she is a Visiting Fellow at the University of Gloucestershire.

www.gfirstlep.com

Anita Bhalla OBE (Interim Chair)
Greater Birmingham & Solihull LEP



Anita is currently Chair of Performances Birmingham plc (Town Hall and Symphony Hall), Chair of the Creative City Partnership, Governor of the RSC, Member of the Council of Warwick University, Non-ex Director of Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Trust and Chancellor of Birmingham Children's University. Chair of the WM Mayor's Leadership Commission. Anita's media career has been extensive of which over 25 years with the BBC;

from setting up the BBC Asian Network to a news Correspondent, Documentary maker to being Head of Political and Community Affairs in England then Head and Editor of the BBC's Public Space Broadcasting and President of Circom (a European wide group of public service broadcasters). Anita has a strong commitment to public service and her portfolio in this area ranges from being a Commissioner on The Chancellor's Commission (Warwick University), member of Birmingham's Social Inclusion Commission to being the past chair of mac (Midlands Arts Centre), a previous chair of a Junior and Infant School, member of the governing body of Birmingham City University to currently being a Trustee of the Children's University. Anita has won several awards including the CRE's Race in the Media National Television News Award and the Windrush Broadcaster of the Year. In 2009 she was awarded an OBE for her services to Broadcasting and Communities. In 2012 Anita was the High Sheriff for the West Midlands. Anita has been awarded Honorary Degrees from Wolverhampton University, Birmingham City University and Warwick University. She is also a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

www.gbslep.co.uk

Pat Doody
Greater Lincolnshire LEP



Pat has worked in Greater Lincolnshire for over 30 years, most recently as Area Director for NatWest Commercial Banking, a role where he oversaw a team focussing on many of those sectors key to the local economy i.e. manufacturing and technology, visitor economy, healthcare, agriculture and logistics.

He retired from that role in early 2020 and now undertakes non-executive roles. He maintains a close interest in education, having been Vice Chair of the Lincoln College Group and is an advisory board member of The University of Lincoln International Business School as well as member of the local Employment and Skills Board.

www.greaterlincolnshirelep.co.uk

Lou Cordwell
Greater Manchester LEP

Lou is Chair of the Local Enterprise Partnership, and lead for Communications, Digital Broadcasting and Skills Fund.

She is founder and CEO of multi award winning Manchester based digital design studio, magneticNorth. Founded in 2000, the company quickly established an international reputation with an award winning client portfolio. Today, the studio

continues to work across a wide range of sectors, from education to placemaking, helping organisations to meet evolving audience needs by putting digital at the heart of their approach.

She is SME Representative for the GM LEP, and Chair of Design Manchester.

Lou is also a founding investor in AllBright and a passionate campaigner for gender equality in business and the tech industry.

Lou was awarded an OBE in the 2018 New Year's Honours for services to the creative and digital economy.

www.gmllep.com

Karl Tucker
Heart of the South West LEP

Karl is the Executive Chairman of Yeo Valley Farms Production Ltd and has been with Yeo Valley since 1996 having joined from the Quarrying Industry and before that having served in the British Army. Karl has been a key member of the leadership team that has seen Yeo Valley grow to be the UK's largest organic food brand and one of the largest, independent, family owned dairy businesses in the UK. Karl became Executive Chairman in February

2019 having been Managing Director since June 2017 and prior to that Joint MD from November 2013. Prior to this Karl was the Finance, IT and Procurement Director since 2006. As well as his role at Yeo Valley Karl sits on the SW CBI Council, is Chair of the SW CBI's Food and Drink Council and a member of the Somerset Growth Board.

Karl is also a trustee of the Bridgwater Education Trust, a body aiming to raise the aspiration, motivation and attainment levels of the young people of Bridgwater in Somerset. For 11 years until November 2018 Karl was a trustee of 'Young Bristol', a charity that runs and supports a number of open access youth clubs and two outdoor based activity centres together with running a number of positive activity programmes for the young people in Bristol. Having left Young Bristol Karl has recently joined the board of trustees of 'Feeding Bristol', a charity working to eliminate food poverty and food insecurity in the city of Bristol and became a Governor of the Merchants Academy school in Bristol in October 2019.

www.heartofswlep.co.uk

Mark Bretton
Hertfordshire LEP

**Hertfordshire
Local Enterprise
Partnership**



Mark Bretton is Chair of Hertfordshire LEP and the LEP Network, the national body that brings all 38 LEPs together. He has 39 years of wide-ranging business experience, including in several high-profile Government programmes. Until recently Mark was a Managing Director (Partner) in the leadership team of the professional services firm Accenture. He sits on the Business Leaders' Council of the charity Teach First.

Mark has an MBA in Export Management and International Business from Bayes Business School and a BSc Econ (Hons) in Management Studies. He was a Royal Signals Reserve Officer (Major) and holds a Territorial Decoration. Mark joined the LEP Board as Business Representative and Chair Designate in January 2016, took over as Chair of the LEP Board in June 2016 becoming Chair of the LEP Network in September 2019. Mark has recently announced that he will be standing down and will carry out a phased handover during 2023.

During Covid Mark was a member of the Secretary of State for BEIS' Levelling Up Taskforce and on the Minister for Local Government's Economic Recovery Working Group and the Business Action Council, all focused on helping the country grow out of the COVID-19 crisis. His focus now is transitioning LEPs into their evolved role as part of the Government's Levelling Up plans.

www.hertfordshirelep.com

James Newman OBE
Hull & East Yorkshire LEP



James is the founding Chair of the new Hull and East Yorkshire LEP (HEY LEP), which commenced operations from 1 April 2021. His executive career mainly consisted of being Group Finance Director over several PLCs.

In his Non-Executive career, he has been Chair or NED of a number of PLCs and other organisations.

James was the founding Chair of the Sheffield City Region LEP from 2010 to 2015, having retired following the signing of one of the first City Region Devolution Deals in October 2015. He is currently Chair of Finance Yorkshire and the South Yorkshire Community Foundation and has a number of other business and charitable roles, nationally and in Yorkshire.

A Chartered Accountant, former Master Cutler and Deputy Chairman of Sheffield Hallam University, James was awarded an OBE in 2017 for services to business, the economy and charity in Yorkshire and an Honorary Doctorate from Sheffield Hallam University in 2012 for services to business, enterprise and education in Yorkshire and Humber.

www.heylep.com

Debbie Francis OBE
Lancashire Enterprise
Partnership



Debbie Francis' career includes periods as Cities Executive for Arcadis UK, as Managing Director of Direct Rail Services (2016-20), and London North Western Route Finance & Commercial Director with Network Rail (2012-16). Debbie also held senior roles with Enterprise Managed Services and SAIC. Earlier in her career she worked for Bibby Line Ltd, Stanley Leisure and Pannell Kerr Forster Chartered Accountants. She is a Chartered Director and Fellow of the

Association of Certified Chartered Accountants (ACCA). In addition to her role at the LEP, Debbie also holds a number of non-executive roles: Chair, Harwich Haven Authority; Non-Executive Director, MDC Stockport; Senior Non-Executive Director, Loram UK; Chair, Penny Bridge CofE Academy; and Trustee/Director, Pave The Way.

Debbie received an OBE in the New Year's Honours. It was the latest in a number of awards and honours recognising her contribution to business and the community in recent years, including: winner of the 2019 IoD North West Director of the Year for Inclusivity, highly commended for Women in STEM at the Inspire Awards, awarded the honour of Woman with Edge at the prestigious Businesswoman of the Year Awards 2019 and inclusion as one of top 50 Northern Power Women in the 2019 Power List. In addition to an undergraduate degree from John Moores University and an MBA from the University of Manchester, Debbie is currently completing a PhD in Leadership at Manchester Metropolitan University.

www.lancashirelep.co.uk

Mark Roberts (Interim
Chair), Leeds City Region
LEP



Mark is a serial entrepreneur, non-exec Director and angel investor. He combines Board-level B2C marketing experience with e-commerce and digital innovation to help businesses rapidly scale. He has won several awards as the Co-Founder of Beer Hawk including Great British Entrepreneur of the Year (Small Business, 2017) and Business Person of the Year (SME National Business Awards, 2019). He set up Beer Hawk in 2012, scaled to a profitable business with over £100m

revenue and successfully exited to a strategic buyer.

Before embarking on his own entrepreneurial journey, Mark built his commercial and innovation skills at a number of global blue-chip businesses, including Procter & Gamble, Lloyds Banking Group and Direct Wines. Now acting in a non-exec advisory capacity for Beer Hawk, he is Chair for the Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (LEP), and a Trustee for Red Kite Learning Trust as well as Deputy Chair of the West Yorkshire (WYCA) Climate, Energy & Environment Committee and LEP Representative for Transport for the North (TFN) Board.

Mark is passionate about improving education & skills – he was a Commissioner for the Future Ready Skills Commission (published 2020) and is passionate about encouraging entrepreneurship with an investment portfolio in early-stage businesses.

www.the-lep.com

Kevin Harris
Leicester & Leicestershire LEP



Kevin has been on the LLEP board for three years and before assuming the role of Chair he was the Vice chair.

Kevin has worked closely with local business for more than three decades. A Chartered Accountant by training, he advises SMEs on a range of areas, helping businesses to grow alongside providing essential statutory audit support.

As a strong advocate of Leicestershire, he is a prominent member of the local business community being a Board Member of the East Midlands Chamber of commerce and former Chairman of the Leicestershire Chamber.

For the majority of his career, he was the business owner of a successful regional accountancy practice, until joining RSM in Leicester as a partner in 2017.

www.llep.org.uk

Asif Hamid MBE
Liverpool City Region LEP



With expert industry knowledge gained over a 30-year career in some of the world's leading outsourcing businesses, CEO and founder of The Contact Company, Asif Hamid MBE has redefined standards of customer experience since establishing the company 13 years ago.

Leading the company from just 12 team members to over 1,500 employees across multiple locations, Asif is a pioneer of new approaches to customer contact, ever searching for ways to redefine customers' expectations and improve the customer experience through industry transformation and technological innovation.

Asif sits on several regional boards and is Honorary President of the Wirral Chamber of Commerce. Asif has a strong passion for the development of people. As one of the leading entrepreneurs in his field, his expertise is highly sought by local and national commercial organisations, as well as by MPs.

In 2017, Asif was awarded an MBE for his services to SMEs.

www.liverpoollep.org

Angus Knowles-Cutler
Deputy Chair, London Economic
Action Partnership



Angus is London Senior Advisor at Deloitte, having previously served as their London office Managing Partner for six years. London is Deloitte's largest client serving office in the world, with 12,000 colleagues in the city.

Angus has a particular interest in building the skills that Londoners need for the future and researches the future of work in the digital age as visiting professor of the Centre for the Digital

Economy (CoDE) at the University of Surrey. He is a Member of the Mayor's Skills for Londoners Board, Chair of the Outcomes for Londoners Working Group and an advisory Board Member to the All Party Parliamentary Group on the Fourth Industrial Revolution. He has previously served as a Commissioner of the London Skills Commission.

Angus holds an MA from the University of Cambridge and is a freeman of the City of London.

Angus represents London on the LEP Network Board.

www.lep.london

C-J Green
New Anglia LEP



CJ Green is Co-Founder and Executive Director of BraveGoose, a technology driven Human Resources Advice solution.

Her career has been predominantly in HR in both the public and private sector. She was previously Chief People Officer and then Chief Executive Officer of a Suffolk-based firm with a global workforce of 26,000.

CJ is also a Trustee of Pepal who connect non-government organisations and global corporations to find solutions to social issues, she believes strongly in the capability of business as a force for good and feels passionately that the eastern region is an example of what is possible in that regard.

www.newanglia.co.uk

Lucy Winskell OBE
North East LEP

Lucy is Pro Vice-Chancellor (Employability & Partnerships) at Northumbria University.

She has been a member of the Executive team at Northumbria University since 2010, having made the transition into higher education following a 28-year career as a litigation lawyer.

Lucy's non-executive career has been focussed on economic growth and regeneration within the North East. Her

regional roles have included Board Member of the North East Regional Investment Fund and North East Access to Finance (both supporting SME growth); non-executive Director of Government Office North East; Chair of the North East Industrial Development Board; Board Member of ING; Vice Chair of BE Group and a Member of CBI Regional Council.

Lucy has been Chair of the Board of the North East England Chamber of Commerce (NEECC) for six years and will stand down from this role shortly. She has also been a strong advocate for the region at a national level. As a member of Arts and Humanities Research Council she highlighted the importance of the cultural and creative sector in a regional economy, and as Vice Chair of the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) she has ensured a regional voice forms part of BCC's lobbying and policy work.

www.northeastlep.co.uk

Jeremy Long
Oxfordshire LEP

Jeremy has a broad-ranging career leading and developing a wide-range of businesses in customer services, IT, marketing, leisure, travel and hospitality.

Until October 2020, Jeremy was CEO for Europe of the Hong-Kong headquartered international railway and property group MTR Corporation.

Jeremy is an experienced chair having worked extensively with both Westminster and local authorities.

He has championed skills and employment initiatives, as a former Member of the Mayor of London Skills and Employment Board, former Director of London Development Agency and Chair of their Business and Skills Committee. The development of business and the skills to support growth is at the heart of Jeremy's motivation for joining OxLEP.

www.oxfordshirelep.com

Lucy Nickson (Interim Chair)
Sheffield City Region LEP

**Sheffield
City Region**



Lucy is Chief Executive of Day One, a charity which support NHS major trauma patients in the UK.

She has extensive CEO experience within the healthcare charity sector but has also worked across public and private sector organisations in a senior capacity throughout her career.

Lucy has a strong reputation for leading change, transformation and commercial growth. She is also a strong collaborator and is totally committed to building partnerships which make a positive difference to Sheffield City Region's communities and their prosperity.

In 2017 Lucy was awarded an Honorary degree of Doctor of Medicine, MD (Hon) by the University of Sheffield, in recognition of her influence and work in Palliative and End of Life Care services across the region.

www.sheffieldcityregion.org.uk

Rachael Randall
Solent LEP



Rachael is Principal and CEO of HTP Apprenticeship College Ltd which she established in 2000.

Prior to that she was involved in Government funded training working for New Deal and a national apprenticeship provider.

Her roots are also firmly based in the world of hospitality, tourism and farming.

<https://solentlep.org.uk>

Sarah Dance
South East LEP



Sarah is a strategic consultant for the culture and creative industries, with over 25 years' experience in the creative sector.

She set up her own consultancy in 2002 and has led and worked on a wide range of cultural organisations and partnership projects, from England's Creative Coast through to the Legacy Trust's Olympic and Paralympic partnership project for the South East.

She has also worked with many cultural organisations on business and capital development, creative production, organisational change development, and leadership mentoring.

Sarah was named a top influential figure in the arts and creative world in the Alt Power 100 Artlyst 2021. She is Co-Chair of the South East Creative Economy Network and Chair of Creative Estuary and has led the visioning of Thames Estuary Production Corridor. She is on the Civic University Network Advisory Group and UAL Advisory Group for their UKRI funded modelling and supporting recovery of the UK's experience economy. She is also a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

www.southeastlep.com

Peter Horrocks CBE
South East Midlands LEP



Peter was Vice-Chancellor of The University from 2015 until April. Prior to joining the OU, Peter was of the BBC World Service.

At the Open University Peter the university's strategy Students bringing a new 'digital by design' approach to the university's He oversaw significant restructuring and the prioritisation of resources for benefit. He also chaired

FutureLearn, the UK's only higher education open social learning higher education platform. FutureLearn has over 7 million users globally.

At the BBC, Peter held several roles, including being editor of Newsnight and Panorama, Head of Current Affairs, Head of TV News and Head of Multimedia News. He won two BAFTA awards for his journalism. In 2015 Peter was awarded a CBE for Services to Broadcasting. Peter volunteers as a careers adviser in schools and is the chair of members for a local academy schools trust.

On the LEP Network Board, Peter represents the Ox-Cam-Arc region which covers Oxfordshire LEP, Buckinghamshire LEP, Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Business Board, New Anglia LEP, and South East Midlands LEP.

www.semlep.com

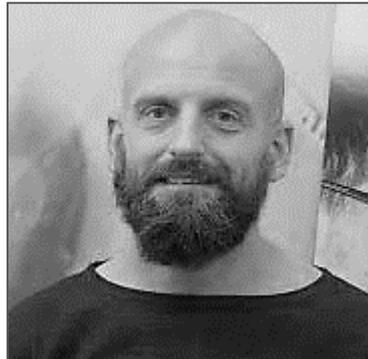
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Alun Rogers
Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire LEP



Alun co-founded Stafford-based IT firm risual with business partner Richard Proud in 2005, building on his previous experience as an IT consultant.

The duo self-funded the launch of the business, which has gone on to win numerous awards and become a Microsoft strategic partner for public and private sector clients. The firm provides IT consultancy, systems management and

service support, plus a suite of IT systems, and today employs some 120 staff.

Beginning with Stafford College, risual has partnered with a range of FE colleges across the country to set up risual academies providing training in digital and IT skills.

www.stokestaffslep.org.uk

Paul Moorby OBE
Swindon & Wiltshire LEP



Paul founded Chipside Limited in 2003, a rural employer in Brinkworth.

The company is a leading UK tech company, providing Mipermit services to both local government and the public across the UK.

Paul has worked with local government on digital transformation projects for over 25 years.

He was awarded an OBE in 2019 for services to promoting UK Technology abroad.

In April 2019, Mipermit was recognised with a Queen's Award for Enterprise, Innovation.

On the LEP Network Board, Paul represents Western Gateway region which covers GFirst LEP, West of England LEP, and Swindon & Wiltshire LEP.

www.swlep.co.uk/

Siobhan McArdle
Tees Valley Unlimited LEP



Siobhan is the former Chief Executive of South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and was previously the Trust's Director of Transformation.

Prior to that Siobhan worked as a Management Consultant working nationally and internationally on strategy development, performance improvement, turnaround and transformational change in partnership with large global corporate organisations, high growth

SMEs and public sector organisations including the NHS.

www.teesvalley-ca.gov.uk

Bob Beveridge
Thames Valley Berkshire LEP



Bob has a diverse business career in both large organisations and SMEs within the consumer goods and technology sectors and has lived in Berkshire for 39 years.

Bob spent 12 years at Mars Chocolate in Slough, in finance and sales roles, ultimately becoming pan-European Head of Finance.

After five years with United Biscuits he moved to the technology sector becoming CFO of Cable & Wireless

Communications plc.

After two further roles in the technology sector he returned to consumer goods as CFO of McBride plc, manufacturer of private label household products. Since 2010 he has been a portfolio non-executive director across a diverse range of business sectors: healthcare, technology, manufacturing and food.

www.thamesvalleyberkshire.co.uk

Mandy Thorn MBE
The Marches LEP

Mandy was appointed Chair of the Marches LEP in September 2019.

A leading figure in the adult social care sector, Mandy has over 30 years' experience as a care provider and has represented care sector providers nationally as a director of the National Care Association, the leading representative body for SME providers of social care. She is currently a trustee of the national social care workforce

development charity, Skills for Care.

Mandy received her MBE in 2014 for services to dementia.

She is a previous vice-chair at the LEP and former chair of Shropshire Business Board. She is the current president of Shropshire Chamber of Commerce and chair of Lingen Davies Cancer Trust and a school governor.

On the LEP Network Board, Mandy represents the West Midlands region which covers Greater Birmingham & Solihull LEP, Black Country LEP, Coventry & Warwickshire LEP, Stoke-on-Trent & Staffordshire LEP, The Marches LEP, and Worcestershire LEP.

www.marcheslep.org.uk

Richard Bonner
West of England LEP

Richard is the UK Operations Director and City Executive Bristol at Arcadis.

A Chartered Civil Engineer, he has a background in design and consultancy working generally in the building sector with both public and private sector clients.

He is responsible for the Operations of Arcadis in the UK, and as the Bristol City Executive for Arcadis leads the business to market shaping propositions to help the city region grow and develop through sustainable urbanisation and creating competitive advantage.

Richard is the President of the Bristol Chamber of Commerce and Initiative, and a Director of Business West.

Richard is a nominated SME representative on the LEP Board and the LEP Chair.

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Julie Snell (Interim Chair)
Worcestershire LEP



Worcestershire
Local Enterprise Partnership



Julie has 35+ years' experience as a business leader having successfully established new technology markets and leading technology innovation in telecoms / digital IT.

Julie was part of the leadership team that developed BT's first public Wifi project, BT Openzone. She spent five years on the board of the global telco group Wireless Broadband Alliance, two years as Chair. In 2017, Julie was appointed as director and CEO of Bristol's

Smart City infrastructure and computer network company Bristol is Open.

Currently Non-Executive Herefordshire & Worcestershire Health & Care NHS Trust, Chair Herefordshire & Worcester ICB Digital Data & Technology Forum, bring improved systems services across health and social care. Interim Chair, Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership, Chair of Scotland 5G Centre, Non-Executive at Col8, and an Enterprise Advisor for The Careers & Enterprise Company mentoring to help young people in Worcestershire schools to realise their employment ambitions.

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Helen Simpson OBE
York & North Yorkshire LEP



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Born and bred in Yorkshire, Helen is an experienced Chair and Board Member, with a track record in leading organisations whilst undergoing change, including enabling digital innovation, business growth and community development.

Her non-executive experience follows a senior executive career with BT where she led digital growth businesses and major deals, developed strategy and built commercial partnerships before leading BT's volunteering programme globally.

Helen currently chairs Broadacres Housing Association, a provider of social housing, extra care and specialist provision in North Yorkshire and Trustees Unlimited, which works to improve charity governance. She also serves as a Trustee with St Martin-in-the-Fields Charity in their work with the homeless and vulnerably housed.

Helen brings expertise in leadership, strategy development, partnerships and collaboration including with government, social housing and charity and community development, as well as a passion for diverse leadership, including helping women leaders fulfil their potential.

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