

Meet Your Representatives

CCM's Board of Trustees 2023/24



Chair: Anthony North

A proud native of Yorkshire, Anthony moved to Essex in 1989 and enjoyed a successful career within the financial services sector both locally (in Romford and Brentwood) and then in the City. He has worked across multiple disciplines including client relations, business sales, project management and corporate communications - for prestigious names including Save & Prosper, JP Morgan and Bank of New York Mellon.

In 2013 he also became a founding partner in an innovative software provider within the automotive industry. Following a period of exceptional and sustained growth, TradePending was formally recognised in 2019 as one of the 100 fastest-growing companies in the United States.

However, Anthony has always had a passionate interest in the charitable sector and particularly in creating opportunities for all individuals to realise their true potential, irrespective of any challenges they may face. Deciding to take this to the next level, in summer 2019 he chose to abandon his "day job" and switch his focus to the charitable sector on a full-time basis. By chance, he met with our Services Manager at Chelmsford's annual Volfest event and knew immediately that he had found the charity he wanted to support.

Anthony was invited to join our board in October 2019 and combined his trustee role with regular volunteering in the Outreach Academy. He continues this important and direct connection with our service users to this day, and he follows every student's progress and achievements very closely.

Since July 2020, Anthony has served as our Chair of Trustees. He also sits on our finance, human resources, strategy, and governance sub-committees.

In addition to his various responsibilities at CCM, Anthony is a regular speaker at local events and also a passionate advocate of the small and medium charity sector in mid-Essex.



Vice Chair: Alan Stoppard

Alan is an active member of the charity and a long-standing trustee. He brings a great deal of knowledge and experience to the Board and is always one of the first to volunteer to help at fundraising events and working parties.

Alan is a Vice Chair of Trustees and also sits on our governance committee.



Vice Chair: Sarah Sadler

Sarah trained as a thai massage therapist and yoga teacher and runs classes for adults and children, some with specific health and learning difficulties. She has also worked in human resources, recruitment and as an office manager and PA.

Sarah has run yoga and relaxation classes at CCM's lifelong learning academy for a number of years and knows many of our members well.

Sarah is a Vice Chair of Trustees and also chairs our human resources committee.



Treasurer: Chris Newson

Chris qualified as a chartered accountant before moving into the financial services industry, working for over 25 years at large fund management and investment banking companies. He has now set up his own consultancy company and established a new charity with the aim of promoting the abilities of the disabled community.

Chris is our Treasurer, chairs our finance committee and sits on our governance committee.



Secretary: Neil Barnes

Neil retired in 2018 after a long career working for BT. This included finance, product management, business improvement and corporate governance. He has been a trustee at various organisations for nearly 20 years and is the former chair of the board of a local academy school.

Neil is Secretary to the Board and also chairs our governance committee and sits on the strategy and projects committee.



Abi Krone

Abi is the Finance Director at a large global PR Agency. Based in London, she has a broad background in a range of professional services. On her return to the Chelmsford area, she was keen to find a role in the charity sector where she could be "hands on" and use her skills to help wherever possible.

Abi advises CCM on HR matters.



Elliot Johnstone

Elliot is a Director at Baringa, a global management consulting firm. He specialises in formulating strategy to help organisations succeed and grow, and applies these skills at CCM to assist the charity's development.



Phil Preston

Phil was head of service for a number of state-maintained education organisations, followed by the roles of senior education consultant for a major international project management company and as an education planning and governance consultant. He has been chair of a large multi academy trust and a governor of a range of schools in Essex and Hertfordshire.

Phil chairs CCM's strategy and projects committee.



Rachel Scott

Rachel has had a career dedicated to addressing social inequality through education. She currently works as head of services for a charity supporting bereaved children. Previously she was the Executive Director of a grassroots education charity in British Columbia working with vulnerable populations. She is particularly passionate about the use of creative arts and the natural world in education.

Rachel advises CCM on services development, funding, and equality, diversity and inclusion.

CCM's Vision

For everyone impacted by learning disability, directly or otherwise, to live life to the fullest without impediment, exclusion or disadvantage.

CCM's Mission

To nurture, empower and celebrate every individual impacted by learning disability by enabling their own unique sense of belonging, dignity, resilience, independence and achievement.

Find out more about CCM



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