

Eaves' Board of Trustees



Vera Baird QC (Chair) Board member since August 2011

Vera is a practising Queen's Counsel specialising in criminal work in addition to being a lecturer, writer and co-director of Astraea Research. Vera was MP of Redcar 2001–2010 and became a Minister in the Labour Government in 2006. In 2007, she became Solicitor General and advised on a wide range of legal issues and was involved in policy development around issues such as criminal justice, gender and equality. Vera was the first woman Chair of the Society of Labour Lawyers and was described by The Lawyer Magazine as one of the top five talents at the criminal bar.



Wanda Goldwag (Treasurer) Board member since November 2011

Wanda is an advisor to Smedvig Venture Capital and Non Executive Director of the Performing Right Society, International Copyright Enterprise, Perfect Getaways, True North Human Capital and Surelaw. She had a 25-year career in marketing and her last corporate role was as Managing Director of British Airways owned AIR MILES. Wanda was appointed a Civil Service Commissioner in December 2011 and will join the Commission in April 2012.



Ceri Hutton – Board member since August 2009.

Ceri has worked as a freelance consultant and trainer since 1998 engaging in a large number of major assignments primarily with the voluntary sector, but also with the public and private sectors. Ceri has also written articles, appeared in the media and spoken at international conferences on a range of issues including Human Rights, HIV/AIDS, Refugees and Asylum Seekers.



Julia Kaufmann O.B.E – Board member since November 2010.

Since 2000 Julia has been working as a freelance consultant with clients such as the Centre for Charity Effectiveness and the Institute of Voluntary Action Research. She was CEO of the BBC Children in Need Appeal between 1987 and 2000 and previous to this she undertook roles such as Director of UK charity Gingerbread and co-director of the Centre for Social Education.



Karen Talbot - Board member since November 2011

A former senior civil servant and strategic communications professional with over 20 years experience in the UK and Europe at local, regional, national and international levels. She has expertise in developing communications strategies and teams; risk communications, particularly writing and communicating on science, food and public health issues; and experience in advising on governance issues including the importance of openness and transparency for public bodies.



Jane Harris - Board member since August 2007.

Jane is a consultant specialising in evaluation, strategic planning, service reviews, supporting inter-organisational partnerships and financial analysis. She has almost twenty years experience of working in and with voluntary and statutory organisations in the field of social care. Jane is also a chartered management accountant and has experience as a researcher and part-time lecturer in the Department of Social Policy at the London School of Economics.



Heather Mullins – Board member since August 2011

Heather has been working in banking and finance for over eight years in a variety of roles from relationship management and sales, to audit and credit stewardship. She is now working in strategy and planning for UK transaction banking for RBS. Heather is a member of the Women in Banking and Finance committee and is also a founding member of the RBS Women's Network which grew to 5000 members in 32 countries within five years.



Linda Riley - Board member since November 2011

Linda is Managing Director of the Diversity publishing and events company Square Peg Media (SPM). SPM produces established titles and guides for the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) community, such as monthly publications Out in the City and g3 magazine. Linda is also co-founder and trustee of the Inclusive foundation, an independent grant-making organisation providing grants, advice and assistance to charitable and voluntary organisations working in equality, diversity and inclusion across the UK and Europe. Linda is also Chair of LBG charity Stonewall's events committee.

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