



# The Federation of Lower Halstow Community & Newington Church of England Primary School

## Governor Profiles April 2021

NAME	ROLE	PROFILE SUMMARY
<b>Peter Marshall</b>	<b>Chair of Governors</b> Local Authority Governor	<p>Peter first joined the Governing Body at Lower Halstow School in 1978 and continues to serve the Federation. He is a local farmer who has lived and worked in Lower Halstow and even attended the school as a pupil.</p> <p>Peter is a keen supporter of the Federation and works closely behind the scenes to ensure that all staff are supported and their voices are heard. Peter describes himself as a pragmatic, realistic problem solver with a good sense of humour.</p> <p>Peter's aim as a governor is for children to succeed in their education whatever their ability and to reach their full potential whether it be with a practical or academic focus.</p> <p>Throughout Peter's time as a governor, he has worked with three head teachers and now works closely with the Executive Headteacher and heads of both schools. He visits the school regularly to oversee health and safety, join in with strategic planning &amp; review and to talk to staff and pupils. Over the many years, Peter has seen many changes both to the physical buildings and education that pupils receive and in the way governors support and challenge the school to achieve the best for the children in our care.</p>
<b>Amanda Boyne</b>	<b>Vice Chair</b> Foundation, Ex Officio Governor	<p>Amanda has served on the Governing Body since January 2018. She has a background as a school leader and is experienced within school improvement. The focus of her work as a governor has been:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Lead on achievement across both schools.</li><li>● Build the capacity of leadership at all levels including governance.</li><li>● Provide professional development to support teachers</li><li>● Develop positive partnerships with parents.</li></ul> <p>Amanda also holds the position of Vice Chairperson for Inspire Medway Hub which has furthered her involvement as a governor in several schools.</p> <p>Currently serving as Vice Chair of the Federation for the second year, Amanda's leadership experience enables her to carry out the role of Foundation Governor with a specific focus on attainment and</p>

progress. At Newington, Amanda leads on the continuation of the schools' distinctive Christian character. Amanda also serves on the Learning & Development Committee as Committee Chair.

Amanda is committed to making a positive contribution to the Federation; contributing to every child's education and playing an active role in helping the schools' improve.

Amanda describes the role of governor as a privilege and pleasure.

Gerry Lewin

Co-opted Governor

Gerry was first appointed as LEA Governor of Lower Halstow School in January 1983 and continues to serve the Federation.

During Gerry's career, he has served on numerous governing bodies in the local area and continues to serve on the Governing Body at Highsted Grammar School in Sittingbourne.

Gerry also serves on the Finance Committee as Committee Chair, and provides invaluable support on the Pay and Performance Management panel for the Federation.

Gerry is strongly committed to the education of pupils and supports the core values across the Federation and Christian ethos provided at Newington.

Tony Mould

Co-opted Governor

Tony has lived in Newington for almost 40 years and has been connected to Newington School for most of that time. Tony was an active member of the PTA whilst his son attended the school and joined the Governing Body during the 1990's whilst also serving on Swale Borough Council.

Tony retired from running his own publishing business in 2008 and after joining Newington Parish Council, he became their representative to the Federation.

Tony serves on the Finance Committee and Pay and Performance Management panel.

One of Tony's aims has always been to ensure the pupils receive an excellent education whilst at primary school. Tony is committed as Safeguarding Governor to ensuring that all children are safe and secure whilst at school and that they are happy and enjoying a rewarding school life.

Jenny Trute

Co-opted Governor

Jenny serves as a governor with a specific focus on the curriculum.

A long term member of Newington community, both Jenny's children have attended Newington school where she held the role as Parent Governor. She was also involved in the Parent Teacher Association.

Jenny's professional experience is that of a primary school teacher and in later years, as a support to the Medway Advisory Team.

Jenny enjoys visiting the schools regularly, working with various members of staff, pupils and her knowledge of education and curriculum is a real asset. She currently serves on the Learning &

Development Committee.

Vanessa Henneker      Co-opted Governor

Vanessa Henneker serves on the finance committee and joined the governing body in May 2020.

Vanessa has over 15 years of management experience in the charity sector, leading contracts focused on careers, employability, youth services and training. Vanessa now works for a property developer in London within the sustainability team, she also has her own e-commerce business which designs and creates products for babies made from bamboo.

Vanessa is really looking forward to supporting the governing body and is hoping to utilise her experience working in the private and public sector to make a positive contribution within the federation and therefore the education of the children.

Vanessa has a son currently in attendance at Lower Halstow.

Tony Large      Co-opted Governor

Tony joined the finance committee as a co-opted governor in May 2020

Having trained as an engineer, Tony now has many years professional experience, owning a business in the field of electronic manufacturing and distribution. He hopes that his skillsets in business & project management will benefit the committee & create positive impact on the federation.

Living in the local area since 2015, Tony is excited to work within the school community and help support the governing body.

Tony has two sons in attendance at Lower Halstow school.

Sophie Bryan      Parent Governor

Sophie Bryan has served on the Governing Body since September 2018 and serves on the Learning & Development Committee with a particular interest for behaviour, development and welfare

Sophie has over 17 years of experience in Human Resources, leadership coaching and learning plus organisational development. Formerly a Director of HR and Workplace Culture, she now runs her own consultancy advising and coaching organisations on culture transformation.

Sophie has a keen interest and certification in the Montessori form of education, as well as coaching, nutrition, yoga and wellbeing. She is passionate about improving the experience of education for children and is proud to combine all her expertise, skills and interests into making a positive contribution to the journey of the Federation.

Sophie has a daughter currently in attendance at Lower Halstow.

Catherine Calder

Staff Governor

Catherine is an experienced teacher with a career spanning the last 14 years across Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. She joined Newington School in 2017 and is currently placed in Year 5. Catherine is passionate about improving life experiences and aspirations of children and enabling them to realise their own potential and be 'life ready'.

At Newington School, Catherine has held the lead position for Science and English and now Curriculum.

Catherine serves on the Learning and Development Committee and enjoys the oversight of school that being a staff governor provides and feels that she can make a positive contribution to key discussions and decisions. She also feels that being part of the Governing Body is invaluable to her continuous professional development .

Emma Ayling

Governor

Emma was appointed as governor in 2021.

Emma is a solicitor specialising in dispute resolution and employment law with over 14 years of experience in her field. Emma works in complex areas involving financial fraud and intricate technical detail as well as dealing with difficult emotional situations involving equality, diversity and family bereavements. Emma has some experience of SEND provision and safeguarding issues.

Emma's wide skill set includes human resources, finance, contracts and compliance.

She is keen to make a positive contribution to the continued development and growth of the pupils and school.

Emma currently has a son in attendance at Newington school and hopes that her daughter will follow in his footsteps.

Simeon Nevell

Foundation Governor

Simeon first joined the Governing body in 2020 as a foundation Governor.

Simeon previously worked as a primary school teacher in years 4, 5 and 6. He is bringing this experience to his position serving on the learning and development committee.

Simeon is one of the vicars in the benefice of the six covering, Hartlip, Iwade, Lower Halstow, Newington, Stockbury and Upchurch. This informs his focus on wellbeing and Christian ethos of Newington.