

## **Governor Pen Portraits**

### **Dayah Farah Ali : Co-opted Governor / Parent**

Dayah has worked in various organisations in Somalia, Denmark and the UK since leaving school, including department Manager, Radio Programme Co-ordinator and Broadcaster before moving into education as a Classroom Assistant in 2006, helping bilingual children. He has been involved, via Somali TV, in advising on how to tackle issues such as rehabilitation, extremism and peacemaking, including some live show debates.

Dayah has also been a presenter on a Somali TV channel in London and is currently a head teacher at a supplementary school in North London.

He has taught Arabic, Somali and Quran and Islamic studies and is fluent in English, Somali, Arabic and Danish.

Dayah has been a parent governor at both Primary and Secondary schools.

### **Jennette Arnold – CBE : Co-opted Governor**

Jennette has been a member of the London Assembly since 2000 representing the people of Hackney, Islington and Waltham Forest. She has a clear focus on the issues which will improve the life of her constituents.

Jennette was keen to join the governing body of a successful local school to contribute to improving the educational outcomes for young people in the area.

### **Primrose Christie: Co-opted Governor**

Primrose joined the Governing Body in January 2013. She is also a parent of a student at the school.

### **Colum Elliott-Kelly: Co-opted Governor (Vice Chair)**

Colum joined the Governing Body in September 2015.

### **Phil Kelly : Associate Governor**

Phil has a background in journalism and has worked as a political consultant. He is member of Islington Council and has served a number of terms. He was Mayor of Islington from 2011 – 2012.

Raising achievement in Islington schools has been his standing concern for over 20 years and Phil served as a school governor in other schools prior to joining EGA.

Phil particularly wanted to join EGA to offer his experience to support the leadership in raising standards and maintaining the partnership with the Islington family of schools.

### **Timothy Lawrence : Parent Governor**

Tim Lawrence is a Professor of Cultural Studies at the University of East London, where he teaches and conducts research into New York music culture. He is the father of two girls, one of whom started to attend Elizabeth Garrett Anderson in 2013-14, and the other, who goes to nearby Prior Weston. He is a strong believer in state education and values EGA's commitment to provide educational excellence along with artistic and sporting opportunity within a community setting. He became a parent-governor in March 2014.

### **Jill McLaughlin : LA Governor**

Jill has experience in the area of general management and training. Both have direct relevance to her work as a governor. Schools need to be well run and Jill believes that her skills in coaching, mentoring and challenging can only help the school to progress.

She was keen to take up the role to play a more active part in the local community and to develop her interests outside her professional life. Jill was also keen to learn about education in a multi-cultural borough, such as Islington.

As chair of governors, Jill is committed to ensuring that the governing body has the right level of expertise and knowledge and can help to create a positive learning and working environment.

### **Nerine O'Connor: Co-opted Governor**

Nerine joined the Governing Body in March 2013. She is also a parent of a student at the school.

### **Fardowsa Omar – Associate Governor**

Fardowsa joined the governing body as a Parent Governor in October 2012.

### **David Pinto-Duschinsky - Co-opted Governor**

David joined the governing body in May 2012

### **Maggie Price – Co-opted Governor**

Maggie Price became a governor in March 2013. Originally from New Zealand where she studied Business and Commerce, she moved to London and worked at the BBC for nearly 20 years across Radio and Television Productions and is now a freelance Line Producer in the independent sector. Maggie believes that parents are key partners in raising educational standards and that pooled parental support and knowledge can benefit a school and the pupils there. In her spare time she teaches Scuba Diving, helps the local Kings Cross Explorer Scouts Unit and lends a hand with other community projects when required.

### **Saliha Saleem: Co-opted Governor**

Saliha is also a member of staff at the school.

### **Eva Sorensen : Co-opted Governor**

Eva lived in Germany and Norway before moving to London. She is a university lecturer who teaches and does research within chemical engineering.

Eva has been a parent governor at several schools and joined EGA because of its diverse and interesting student population, which she wants to support so that each girl can achieve her fullest potential.

### **Sarah Ward-Lilley: Co-opted Governor (Chair)**

Sarah became a governor in April 2014. She has worked as a journalist for BBC News for many years and is now responsible for managing all the BBC's international offices around the world, looking after all the property, overhead costs, safety, training and staff welfare. She is also a director of the Rory Peck Trust, a charity which support freelance newsgatherers.

Sarah has lived in Islington for 30 years and is keen to spend a bit more time in her own community and she wants to support the school with her management experience and by sharing her professional network.

Sarah is married and has 2 step sons.