

## OUR TRUSTEES

### **KURSHIDA MIRZA – CHAIR OF TRUSTEES**

Kurshida has a research, policy and strategy background working for local and central government with a strong track record in social action. She designed and supported delivery of Homes England’s Care and Support Specialised Housing Fund, Homelessness Change and Platform for Life and was the lead for the Vulnerable and Older People Advisory Group.



Kurshida is Chair of Midlands Region of the Housing Learning and Improvement Network (Housing LIN). Within the Housing LIN, Kurshida has lead the debate to draw attention to the need for better evidence on the housing and support needs and aspirations of older people from BAME communities. This culminated in the joint Race Equality Foundation and Housing LIN report – Housing and the older ethnic minority population in England (Feb 2019). She is also a lead voice in the “Ageing well in BAME communities” with a recent summit bringing housing providers and policy makers together at a summit in October 2019.

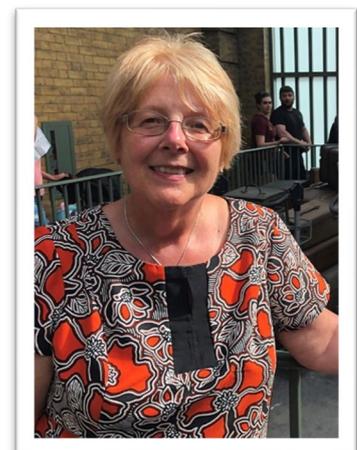
Kurshida was the Chair of Citizens MK from 2016 – 2019 and Board member of Midsummer Housing Association (now part of the Guinness Trust Partnership).

Kurshida is married with two children and has lived in Milton Keynes since 1990. She has a passion for working with communities and has developed a unique vehicle in Milton Keynes for engaging with diverse communities and in particular Muslims and faith-based communities who are seldom heard and less visible. Kurshida is the founder of Trubys Garden Tea Room, an interfaith café promoting dialogue between Muslims and the wider community in MK. She also founded and created the annual Great Get Together Iftar in 2017 to bring the diverse communities in MK to celebrate Ramadan with the Muslim community attracting over 1000 attendees.

### **CAROLE BAUME – VICE CHAIR**

Carole is Vice Chair of the Board, having been a Trustee for four years. She is a Milton Keynes Councillor, representing the Woughton and Fishermead Ward. Since May 2020, she has been a member of the Cabinet, with a portfolio covering Economic Development, Regeneration, Culture, Leisure & Sport and the Voluntary & Community Sector.

Carole spent her working life in higher education, latterly at The Open University where she was Regional Director of the OU in the North West, based in Manchester, before moving back to Milton Keynes to manage the



English Regional Directors as Head of Planning and Development. She is passionate about helping people to reach their full potential through education.

Carole is an experienced Trustee, having served on the Board of the Halle Concerts Society in Manchester and having been Acting Chair of the Board of Regent's University, London. She is a Mum of three and a Grandma of six, most of whom also live in Milton Keynes.

## **CHRIS SHAW**

Chris is a retired Chartered Surveyor, having been a fellow of the RICS and, for a number of years, serving as a Vice President. He has over forty years' experience in the residential market and the Social Housing sector.

Chris has served as a trustee for the Milton Keynes Parks Trust and currently is Chair of Greensleeves Care, a charity running twenty-five care homes predominantly in the east and south of the country. He has also served as a town councillor in Olney, his home town.

Chris is married to Sue and, between them, they have five children. Throughout his life Chris has played and enjoyed sport, particularly rugby, having played for both Bishops Stortford and Ipswich rugby clubs in his youth. A few games for Olney Veterans when he moved to the town convinced him that his body had endured enough!

Chris also loves music, with tastes running from jazz, pop and rock through to Beethoven. A keen walker for many years, Chris now settles for gentle strolls rather than long distance treks. He and Sue also like to travel with a variety of destinations both visited and planned.

## **DR DEVDEEP AHUJA**

Devdeep is a co-founder and clinical director of RTW Plus Ltd. Devdeep is a physiotherapist by background with strong focus on complex trauma, amputations and chronic pain. He worked in India and UK as a clinical physiotherapist before transitioning to case management services. After working in one of the largest rehabilitation companies in UK, first as a case manager and then as clinical lead, Devdeep gained hands on experience of undertaking detailed needs assessments and developing and implementing rehabilitation plans.



Devdeep completed his doctorate looking at factors influencing adherence and attendance in musculoskeletal physiotherapy. He has presented at over 40 conferences internationally as well as running training courses for healthcare professionals around workplace rehabilitation.

Devdeep is also passionate about research, innovation and development in rehabilitation and healthcare services. He has won multiple awards from CSP, VRA and other industry bodies for his research and practice.

Devdeep has lived in Milton Keynes since 2015 with his wife Prabh and sons Angad and Anhad.

When not working, Devdeep spends time fiddling with websites, coding and computers. Beyond his professional life, Devdeep has keen interest in international affairs, politics, cricket, online networking and reading. His favourite means of relaxation and unwinding is a long walk with Sufi music at the end of the day. Devdeep is a practising Sikh and is keenly engaged with the local Gurudwara (Sikh Temple).

## **JASON SINCLAIR**

Jason is an experienced Executive Director with over 20 years in strategic executive and operational posts, which includes within Higher Education, Corporate Business and SME's. During this time, Jason has supported Executive Boards, providing Governance and strategic advisory support. Throughout his Career, Jason has had vast experience in developing and delivering strategies and programmes from the ground up, with his remit involving having responsibility over Talent, Learning and Organisational Development, Professional Development, Employability and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.



Currently one of the Partners at Queensbury Management Consultancy, ([www.thequeensburygroup.com](http://www.thequeensburygroup.com)) Jason holds responsibility for ED&I Strategy delivery to Clients, spanning Recruitment, L&OD and Education. Internally, Jason is responsible for the People functions of the Group. On top of this, Jason is is Relationship Director at Profile Resourcing, an Inclusive Practice Recruiter ([www.profileresourcing.co.uk](http://www.profileresourcing.co.uk)).

Jason holds a number of Non Executive posts, including being on the board of Multi Award winning business, Naturally Tribal Skincare ([www.naturallytribalskincare.com](http://www.naturallytribalskincare.com)), Trustee and Director at [www.worktree.org](http://www.worktree.org), an Employability Charity in Milton Keynes.

Jason has a huge passion for raising aspirations and making routes to employment more accessible within disadvantaged groups, ensuring Inclusivity is at the forefront of everything we do for Milton Keynes, generally increasing Social Mobility, and highlighting the importance of collaboration between Private, Public and 3rd Sector organisations. All of which he hopes to develop during his time on the Board of MK Community Foundation.

## **KATE CHADWICK**

Kate Chadwick has been Deputy Director of MK Gallery since 2016. In March 2019, she and her team re-opened the new MK Gallery to extraordinary critical and popular acclaim. Kate is responsible for managing the £12m capital development, including the financial, legal and administrative oversight of this complex non-profit, registered educational charity. Her responsibilities include strategic business planning and stakeholder management, developing relations with major public investors, including Arts Council England, SEMLEP and Milton Keynes Council.



She is also responsible for its commercial success, developing new businesses that include an independent

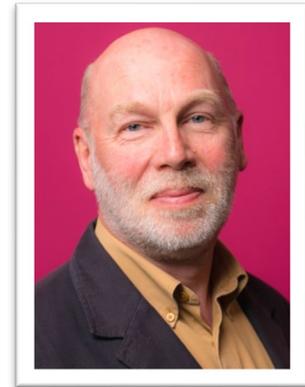
café, gift shop, cinema, concert hall and corporate entertainment. Kate leads on HR, managing a team of 20 FTE posts, over 80 casual and freelance workers and 120 volunteers, devising and implementing the organisation's ethics policy, including innovative approaches to diversity and fair pay.

Kate is mum to two beautiful children, has a passion for modern literature and for German history and culture having lived and worked in Germany in 2001-02. She enjoys cycling and running and proudly raised £2,000 for Parkinsons UK running the MK half marathon in 2018.

## **LAWRENCE REVILL**

Lawrence is a Chartered Town Planner and Urban Designer and has spent his career leading large-scale master planning and regeneration projects across the UK and around the world.

Lawrence was a Director of MK-based consultancy David Lock Associates for 25 years and was its Managing Director from 2008 to 2015. During that time, he was also a Director of DLA's sister company in Australia and of Integrated Transport Planning Ltd where he still does some consultancy work. He retired from DLA in 2019.



Lawrence has been a Trustee of the Community Foundation since 2013 and the Chair of the Board of Trustees since 2015.

Lawrence has been married to Gail for more than 40 years and they have three sons across the world – Wolverton, Hokkaido in Japan and Melbourne, Australia. They have one grandson, so far. They enjoy sailing, winter sports and trekking in exotic parts of the world and at home. And they enjoy the freedom of a much-cherished pop-top campervan, shared with a high energy dog!

Lawrence is a Volunteer with the Peak District National Park Ranger Service, achieving a teenage ambition.

Lawrence and Gail have lived in Milton Keynes Village since moving to MK from London in 1994 and moved just 300m from their first MK home to another in 2018.

## **PAUL NOLAN**

Paul has worked in three major banks in a variety of roles including managing 3<sup>rd</sup> party suppliers, heading up a marketing team and project management. Starting as a cashier, Paul can still remember how to count money! He retired in 2017.

Paul brings experience in financial planning and risk management, marketing and communications and planning and delivering projects. His MBA focussed on business strategy, start-ups and marketing for small and medium sized business.



Paul is married with two boys, now grown up and the family has lived in Milton Keynes for most of his married life. He enjoys soul music from all years and plays the alto saxophone - badly despite learning for more than 10 years. Paul's wife, Zoe, is a local councillor and they enjoy travelling spending most of their holidays away in their campervan with their young golden retriever.

In addition to being a trustee of Community Foundation, Paul also volunteers at Whipsnade Zoo where he talks to visitors about the animals and what Whipsnade is doing to protect them in the wild. Paul reckons that it is the best job he has ever had.

### **PRECIOUS ZUMBIKA-LWANGA**

Precious is an experienced professional and executive with 20 years' experience delivering high value projects and programmes across retail, commercial, residential and infrastructure sectors. Precious is CEO of Perspectif Ltd, a PR Communications and Content Agency and Partner at Queensbury Consulting a management consultancy firm.



She is passionate about changing narratives and building sustainable relationships, she also has a keen interest in raising the profile of STEM careers and is a Mentor with the Aleto Foundation whose purpose is to celebrate success and support future leaders.

As a resident of Milton Keynes herself she is passionate about being intrinsically embedded into the community. The foundation will enable her to strategically support and draw from her professional experience to input into an organisation aligned to her own purpose of uplifting, improving, and empowering the MK community and surrounding areas.

### **SEAN O'REILLY**

Sean is a Chartered Management Accountant as has worked in strategic finance roles for the past 15 years. Currently, Sean is a Finance Director within Network Rail and is responsible for a busy finance department, looking after the railways between Birmingham and London. He has spent much of his career working in principle analyst roles, promoting the benefits of data-based decision making and specialising in corporate reporting.



Most recently, Sean has been responsible for the management and implementation of the national efficiency portfolio and is committed to ensuring organisations are as financially fit and cost conscious as is possible. Sean is also a member of Network Rail's cultural fusion network and promotes volunteering and charitable activities across the organisation.

Sean is married to Anne-Marie and they have one young son. Sean grew up in Grimsby but made his way down to Milton Keynes 7 years ago and now lives very happily in Olney and has very much made the town his home. Whilst not working, Sean has a keen interest in music, plays the guitar very badly and still tries to attend as many music festivals as he can get to.

## **SHAUN LEE**

Shaun has over 35 years' experience in international banking working with Corporate customers and Financial institutions. He has worked as a Director for Deutsche Bank and two other major American Banks and also lived in Dublin for three years. As well as being an expert in international Trade Finance, his roles included managing large diverse regional and global teams with different cultures and needs. He is strategically minded, solution orientated and passionate about people development



Shaun is married to Susan and lives near Stony Stratford with two grown up daughters, one who is a nurse at the Milton Keynes hospital and the other who works for a local charity. Interests include playing golf and table tennis, listening to music, watching football and rugby and travelling.

Shaun has successfully worked alongside the Philanthropy team for a number of years and is currently chair of the Philanthropy & Grants committee.

## **SHIRLEY JONES**

A journalist for 12 years, Shirley moved into public relations with the RAC before expanding her remit to embrace marketing and communications, mostly within the education sector. Managing her own businesses since 2006, Shirley diversified further with Heritage Hunters (family tree research), D & S Productions (event management) and works as an actor and writer.

A member of several Milton Keynes acting troupes, Shirley writes and performs plays and pantomimes. She enjoys singing. Her other hobby is geocaching – the use of GPS systems to find items hidden around the world by fellow players.

