

## **Biographies of Education and Governance Advisory Group members**

### **Dr Rob Berkeley**

Deputy Director  
Runnymede Trust

Rob Berkeley is Deputy Director of the Runnymede Trust, an independent policy research organisation focusing on race and social policy. His doctoral studies focused on exclusions from school. He worked in the voluntary sector throughout his academic career as co-ordinator and then Chair of the Oxford Access Scheme, encouraging young people from minority ethnic and inner city backgrounds to enter higher education. He is Chair of governors at a local primary school, Chair of the Black Gay Men's Advisory Group, and Vice-Chair of Naz Project London (which provides sexual health and HIV prevention and support services to various minority ethnic communities in London). Rob's continuing research interests lie in public policy, cultural change, educational disadvantage, young people, race, ethnicity and social justice.

### **David Cargo**

Chief Executive

Belfast Education and Library Board

David Cargo has been Chief Executive of the Belfast Education and Library Board (BELB) since November 1998. He is responsible for, and committed to, the provision of high-quality education, library and youth services that contribute to lifelong learning for all the people of Belfast. He has previously held posts in the North Eastern and South Eastern Education and Library Boards and he was a secondary school teacher for ten years. David was educated at the University of Ulster, Coleraine, and he completed both an initial and postgraduate degree in history followed by a postgraduate certificate in education at Stranmillis University College. Since taking up his post at BELB, David has completed an MBA through the Open University in his spare time. He is Chair of the RTU management board. He is also a member of the British Council Northern Ireland Advisory Committee, West Belfast Partnership Board, Greater Shankill Partnership Board and the East Belfast Partnership Board.

### **Professor Lynn Davies**

Professor of International Education  
University of Birmingham

Lynn Davies (PhD, MEd, BA, PGCE, LRAM) is Professor of International Education in the Centre for International Education and Research at the School of Education, University of Birmingham. She taught in schools in Mauritius and Malaysia as well as in the UK before moving into teacher education. Her major teaching, research and consultancy interests are in educational management internationally, particularly concerning democracy, citizenship, gender and human rights. She focuses on how education contributes to conflict and/or to peace or civil renewal. Recent work has been in Angola, Sri Lanka, Kosovo, Bosnia, Palestine, Malawi and the Gambia, as well as with UNESCO on their Associated Schools. Current research projects are on school improvement in post-conflict Angola; peace education in Sri Lanka; the needs of teachers and learners in global citizenship; and the work of student councils. Books include: *Education and Conflict: Complexity and Chaos* (2004); *School*

Management and Effectiveness in Developing Countries (2002); and The EURIDEM Project: A Review of Pupil Democracy in Europe (2000).

**Dr Rita Gardner CBE**

Director  
Royal Geographical Society

Rita Gardner was appointed Director of the Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers) in 1996. Prior to joining the Society, she had an academic career as a geomorphologist at London University, first as Lecturer in Geography at King's College (1979–94) and then as Reader and Head of the Environmental Science Unit at Queen Mary & Westfield College (1994–96). Her field research centred on understanding natural and human-induced environmental changes in the late Quaternary and present day, largely in South Asia and the Middle East. From 1990 to 1998 she was Director of two major field research programmes in the Middle Hills of Nepal. She has also written and edited four books and over 50 academic papers. She was educated at University College London (BSc) and the University of Oxford (DPhil), and is the holder of the Busk Medal for her work in geomorphology. She was awarded a CBE for services to geography in 2003.

**Steve Grainger MBE**

Chief Executive  
Youth Sport Trust

Steve Grainger is Chief Executive of the Youth Sport Trust, a national organisation working to improve PE and school sport. Steve has been heavily involved in the design and development of the national PE, School Sport and Club Links strategy and sits on the Delivery Board responsible for ensuring that the strategy delivers a joint DfES/DCMS PSA target. Steve has been with the Youth Sport Trust since its inception in 1995 prior to which he worked for the National Coaching Foundation (now Sportscoach UK) and in local government.

Steve is an associate governor at a large secondary school, an active member of Mansfield Harriers and AC having completed five London Marathons and a keen follower of Mansfield Town FC. Steve was awarded an MBE in the 2007 New Year's Honours List for services to school sport.

**Jacqui Henderson CBE**

Chief Executive  
UK Skills

Jacqui Henderson is currently Chief Executive of UK Skills and is leading the UK's WorldSkills London 2011 programme. Jacqui has held a number of senior posts including Regional Director for the Learning and Skills Council in London, Chief Executive of TEC National Council and Managing Director of Northumberland TEC and Business Link. She has considerable experience in the post-16 sector of education and training. Jacqui was awarded a CBE in 2001 for her services to education and training and given the President's Award in 2004 for her work with black and minority ethnic communities by the European Federation of Black Women Business Owners. She is a member of City & Guilds, a fellow of the RSA, and a member of the Guild of Educators, the Skills Forum and the Skills Commission. She has undertaken a number of different public and voluntary appointments including

being a member of Council for Newcastle University. She is a trustee of Training for Life and she became the first Skills Ambassador for Creative and Cultural Skills.

### **Rajiv Joshi MSYP**

Director

Civicus

Rajiv Joshi is Director of Civicus. He has been a global youth activist for a number of years and has been actively involved in mobilising young people globally through the Commonwealth Youth Forum, World Youth Congress and Civicus Youth Assembly. As well as working with young people in Asia, Europe and South America, Rajiv is also actively involved as an MSYP (Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament) in the Govan area of Glasgow where he is working hard to develop youth participation in the area. Rajiv is passionate about youth participation in civil society. He has recently been appointed as a director of Civicus, the World Alliance for Citizen Participation and is a director of Young Scot and YouthLink. He graduated from Strathclyde Business School in Glasgow with a degree in economics.

### **Professor Liz Kelly CBE**

Director

Child and Woman Abuse Studies Unit

Liz Kelly has worked in the fields of woman and child abuse for over 30 years – in support services and as a researcher. She has been Director of the Child and Woman Abuse Studies Unit (CWASU) at London Metropolitan University for ten years. The Unit has a national and international reputation for its research and policy work on a range of forms of abuse. She is responsible for developing the concept of a continuum of violence, the recognition that child pornography is a record of abuse and the principle that woman protection is often child protection. Liz is a Commissioner for the Women's National Commission and the Fawcett Society's Commission on Women and the Criminal Justice System and chairs the End Violence Against Women Coalition. Most recently Anita Roddick endowed a chair on Violence Against Women, which Liz Kelly holds. It is the first such chair in Europe. Liz was awarded the CBE in 2000 for services combating violence against women and children.

### **Graham Leicester**

Director

International Futures Forum

Graham Leicester is Director of the International Futures Forum (IFF). IFF seeks out difficult, complex, seemingly intractable issues and works to support businesses, governments and communities in addressing them more effectively. Project work focuses on the areas of health, learning, enterprise and governance. IFF was established in 2001 with a generous grant from BP. Its signature publication is Ten Things to do in a Conceptual Emergency. Graham previously ran Scotland's leading think tank, the Scottish Council Foundation, founded in 1997. From 1984 to 1995 he served as a diplomat in HM Diplomatic Service, specialising in China (he speaks Mandarin Chinese) and the EU. Between 1995 and 1997 he was senior research fellow with the Constitution Unit at University College London. He has also worked as a freelance professional cellist, including with the BBC Concert Orchestra.

**Nina Panayis**

Head Teacher

Godwin Junior School

Nina Panayis began her teaching career in Waltham Forest and Leyton. In 1990, following a career break to raise her triplets, she returned to full-time teaching at Godwin, where she was appointed as Assistant Head Teacher in 2001. In 2003 the school celebrated her double achievement: London Teacher of the Year and National Teacher of the Year. Further promotion followed when she was appointed Head Teacher in 2004. Nina's dedication has helped Godwin achieve Beacon School status, outstanding Ofsted reports and consistently high SATS results. Within the wider community, Nina has worked with struggling schools, is now a judge for the Teaching Awards, and has developed strong links with a school in Jamaica. This encounter led to the school's accreditation by the International School Award and a passion for ensuring that every child is given first-class educational opportunities whatever their circumstances.

**Professor Sir Peter Scott**

Vice-Chancellor

Kingston University

Peter Scott is Vice-Chancellor of Kingston University in London and was formerly Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Professor of Education at the University of Leeds. Until 1992 he was Editor of The Times Higher Education Supplement. He is President of the Academic Co-operation Association, the Brussels-based agency that represents the interests of international organisations such as the British Council and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) at the European level. He is also Chair of the Universities Association for Lifelong Learning (formerly the Universities Association for Continuing Education). From 2000 until 2006 he was a member of the board of HEFCE and chaired its Quality Assurance Learning and Teaching strategic committee.

**Professor Michael Worton**

Vice-Provost (Academic and International)

UCL

Michael Worton is Vice-Provost and Fielden Professor of French Language and Literature at UCL (University College London). He was chair of the HEFCE/AHRC Expert Group on Research Metrics, and is a member of the HERA/European Science Foundation Steering Committee, 'Building a European Index for the Humanities', a member of UUK/SCOP/HEFCE Measuring and Recording Student Achievement Steering Group, and of the Advisory Board, Clore Leadership Foundation. From 1998 to 2006, he was a member of the AHRB/AHRC Council, chairing first the Museums and Galleries Committee and then the Knowledge and Evaluation Committee. Broadly speaking, his research focuses on 20th- and 21st-century literature and on aspects of critical theory, feminism, gender politics, and painting and photography. He has published nine books and more than 60 articles and chapters in books.