

Employment

An independent consultant to the charity sector working mainly for grant-making charities and now specialising in governance. Trust Manager for the Millfield House Foundation. Board member of Big Society Capital. Also writes and lectures about charity issues, nationally and internationally.

From 1998 to 2009, Director of the Northern Rock Foundation. Previously Assistant Director (Arts) for the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation (UK). Before primarily work in the arts as, at various times, a community arts worker, stage manager, theatre director, funding officer and director of a rural arts centre.

Voluntary

Current positions include: Chair of the BBC Appeals Advisory Committee; Member of Durham University Council and of its Ethics Committee; Chair of St Cuthbert's Society (a Durham University College); Vice-Chair of the Nationwide Foundation and Chair of its Finance Committee; Trustee of the TPO Foundation; and member of Whalton Village Hall Committee.

Previous posts have included: Chair of NCVO's Funding Commission; Chair of Mission, Models, Money's Capital Matters Taskforce; Vice Chair of NAVCA; Vice Chair of Futurebuilders; Comic Relief's UK Grants Committee; Commissioner for the IPPR North Public Services Commission and membership of several theatre boards. Judge for the Charity Awards for five years.

Enthusiastic about ensuring that Whalton and Longhorsley Schools maintain their high standards and help every child to be the best they can be.