

Diocesan Board of Education Members



Anna is Chief Executive for Tor Mark Ltd, a leading publishing and distribution company.

With an initial background in education, Anna has considerable experience in non-profit organisations. She is currently involved in significant grant-awarding for the Cornwall Community Foundation, where over £1million has been distributed in the last twelve months. Alongside this, Anna retains a portfolio on non-executive roles, where she specialises in leading and developing excellence in governance and trusteeship. Anna is a Trustee for Aspire, Cornwall

largest multi-academy trust, and for Plymouth College of Art, for both of whom she undertakes the responsibility of Safeguarding and Prevent trustee.

Both professionally and in her non-executive roles, Anna has extensive experience of initiating and leading acquisition and merger, with associated due diligence, team management, rationalisation and restructuring. Anna represents the Diocese of Truro on the Church of England's Clergy Discipline Measure and is a member of a number of diocesan boards in her role of Chair of the House of Laity. Anna represents the Church of England on Cornwall Council's Standing Advisory Committee for Religious Education and is a member of Cornwall's Prevent board.

On a personal note, Anna writes cookery books in her spare time and is an enthusiastic, if somewhat amateur, gardener. She is a great supporter of children and young people and believes that education is the framework for changing people's lives. She cites Michelle Obama as an inspiration in advocating positivity and kindness in everyone, and believes smiling is a great way to be seen.

Carol Jerwood was appointed to the DBE in January 2019 having retired to Falmouth in September 2017 following 30 years in Education. She joined the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education as Assistant Schools Officer in 1987 after her postgraduate studies at Sussex University and held various posts before being appointed Assistant Director of Education in 2001.



Carol's work for the Diocesan Board of Education focused on school admissions and governance and latterly on helping to set up the DBE's Multi-Academy Trust. She organised the DBE's governor training programme, ran training courses and provided guidance for head teachers and governors on admissions, complaints and exclusions, among other matters. Throughout her career, Carol worked closely with the 12 local authorities in the Diocese and during

her time in Southwark she chaired the London-wide governance officers' group and also the National Diocesan Admissions Group for three years. She also advised schools on re-organisation proposals, such as, amalgamation, conversion from Voluntary Controlled to Voluntary Aided status (when such things were allowed!), conversion to academy status and the many legislative changes affecting Church of England schools. Carol enjoyed visiting schools regularly and was pastoral lead for 28 of the Diocese's 107 schools providing pastoral support for Diocesan head teachers alongside other members of the team.

Carol is a keen walker and is passionate about wildlife and the environment and was recently appointed to the Diocese's Net Zero Group. She regularly attends Evensong at Truro Cathedral. In her spare time, she sails with her husband, attends a weekly botanical art class, volunteers for the Cornwall Wildlife Trust and Age UK and is trying to turn her garden into a haven for wildlife.



Revd Elly Sheard is part of the chaplaincy team at Truro College and a member of the Diocesan Board of Education where she leads on our contribution towards Net Zero 2030.

“Caring for creation is increasingly important, especially post-lockdown. During September, many harvest festivals take place, making good starting-points for thinking about sustainable living. The Church of England has committed to achieving ‘net zero’ carbon emissions by 2030, including in church schools, where encouraging children to be active stewards of God’s creation is

a vital part of their work. If you take photos of projects involving young people in creation care they would be very welcome so do send them in. Also, as your school engages more deeply, you may find the [eco-schools programme](#) helpful. As a member of the DBE and of the Bishop’s Net Zero 2030 task group, I can be contacted if you would like to know more.”

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John Keast was a teacher of Religious Education, becoming adviser and inspector for RE in Cornwall in 1989. In 1996 he joined the QCA as Principal Manager for RE, Citizenship and PSHE. He was RE adviser to the Department 2004-2010.



John has also been an examiner in Religious Studies. From 2001 until 2010 John was a consultant to the Council of Europe, and edited *Religious Dimension of Intercultural Education: a Handbook for Schools* in 2008. He worked for the Anna Lindh Foundation, and edited *How to cope with diversity at school: teaching and learning about religious diversity* in 2009. He has led training courses in many European and Near Eastern cities.

John has been an Ofsted inspector, teacher trainer and visiting lecturer in RE. He was awarded an OBE in 2011 for services to religious education. John chaired the RE Council of England and Wales from 2011 until 2014, during which time John was a trustee of the Inter Faith Network. John now chairs the Culham St Gabriel's Education Trust, is a school governor, and Chair of the Cornwall SACRE. He lives with Anne his wife, in St Austell, and has four children and nine grandchildren, some in Cornwall and some in London and Kent.

John is a lay pastor in the St Austell Methodist Circuit looking after three chapels, sings with the St Austell Choral Society and loves London buses!



Nicola Bray has been teaching in primary schools for eighteen years and has been in senior leadership for eleven years, including in her current position as head teacher of an outstanding church school in Cornwall. She is passionate about seeking out new, innovative and sustainable curriculum ideas to engage children and to help them become confident, inquisitive and happy learners who can successfully navigate the fast changing modern world. Nicola has developed a new curriculum for

her school which has been designed with the children's interests at its heart. Nicola has a proven track record of school improvement and through her work with the DBE is keen to work closely with schools to support the DBE's vision of being a significant partner for raising standards in schools in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, to the benefit of all the children in the diocese of Truro.

Nicola lives in North Cornwall with her husband and teenage son. While Nicola enjoys Cornwall's country side she is also a keen traveller.



After a career in higher and further education and human resources management in London and Bristol, Sue Brownlow moved to Cornwall in 2002, initially working in a senior role with the Regional Development Agency then in 2009 moving to become Director of the Combined Universities in Cornwall partnership until 2014. Having gone from being an inner-city Liverpool kid to getting her PhD from Cambridge University in the 1980s, she is committed to social inclusion and a focus on the most disadvantaged in our society. She initially

became a parent governor at her children's community secondary school in 2007, and was then invited to join the board of Askel Veur, the Diocese of Truro's Academy Umbrella Trust, in 2011. She has chaired Askel Veur since 2015 and represents the Diocese as a Member of several of Cornwall's larger Multi-Academy Trusts working with church schools. She is also a Trustee of SMART (South East Cornwall MAT), Deputy Chair of Plymouth College of Art and a former governor of Plymouth Marjon University, so education governance has become a bit of a 'thing' in her retirement from full time employment. Sue lives near Liskeard with her husband Charles where they own and run Looe Valley Vineyard. She enjoys family time with three grown-up children and two step-children, walking the dogs on the coast path, supporting Liverpool Football club (YNWA) and singing in the voluntary choir at Truro Cathedral



Stuart Renshaw

I've been in the education system since I was 4 years old... I was a Secondary trained teacher, but soon after starting my career I converted to Primary teaching. I made my way through the teaching ranks from Deputy to Head, to Executive Lead to now CEO of Celtic Cross Education. We are a group of 12 Church Schools serving a wide area of Cornwall, from Bude all the way to Helston.

I have been a member of the Diocesan Board of Education for a number of years, representing church schools and Trusts. Recently, I have become a member of the Diocesan Environment Board which will bring a new and exciting challenge.