

## Biographies for Haggerston Governors

**Ciara Emmerson** became Head of Haggerston School, an 1100 mixed 11 to 18 school in south west Hackney, in September 2017.

**Barry O'Brien** became a governor in 2008 and the chair in 2010. Recently retired from Freshfields, the City law firm, which has had a long connection with Haggerston School especially with its mentoring and work experience programme, Barry says 'I passionately believe in the power of education to develop the talents of all of our students'. Barry combines his interest in education with a love of sport – he is the chairman of Glamorgan Cricket Club, a Welsh rugby supporter and a mad keen Arsenal fan!

**Caroline Hughes** is Vice Chair of Governors and serves on the Operating Committee, Policy Group and the Curriculum Group. She says 'Hi. I've been a school governor at Haggerston since I came to live in Hackney ten years ago. It's a bit cheesy, but I volunteered because I wanted to give something to the local community. And because my skills, knowledge and experience lie in education I decided that being a school governor was where I could add most value to my community.

For information I was a secondary school teacher and I also worked in Further and Higher Education, and I've just left Pearson, the company who develop GCSEs, A levels and BTECs and I now work independently.

The work as a governor at Haggerston School is endlessly fascinating (and sometimes hard work!). We governors work as a team guiding and supporting the school, and our Head Teacher Dr Keeley, to achieve its strategic objectives, I get to see talented young people learning, developing and progressing onto the next stage of their lives, supported by a brilliant group of teachers.

It's not all hard work, and I get to attend wonderful events such as the brilliant school plays, and I've even heard President Bill Clinton speak to the great and the good of Hackney!

**Anushka Chakravarty** was formerly a barrister and is now a teacher. She is currently Head of History and Head of House at the [London Academy of Excellence](#).

My name is **Annika Eadie** and I have been a governor at Haggerston School since 2010; as a parent governor and then a community governor. I am on the Policy Committee and the Curriculum Committee.

I am currently the Headteacher of a local Tower Hamlets primary school. I have worked for twenty-five years as a teacher and leader in Camden, Hackney and Tower Hamlets schools. My roles have included SENCO/Inclusion lead teacher; Deputy Headteacher with responsibility for Curriculum and Assessment; and Headteacher with responsibility for Standards and Safeguarding.

I enjoy being a governor because I value being part of a broad community body working to improve educational outcomes for all children. I have enjoyed furthering my understanding and knowledge of effective strategic leadership and governance.

My name is **Wendy Mason** and I became a governor in 2008. I joined originally as a community governor and am now a co-opted governor. I have also briefly been a Haggerston parent as my son completed his A-levels at the school.

I sit on the Operating Committee and I am the Link Governor for Premises and also for Behaviour & Exclusions.

I am an architect working in my own business in Shoreditch designing, mostly, educational buildings and a Hackney resident whose three now grown-up children were educated there.

My architectural skills originally brought me to the school to help advise during the BSF project to upgrade and extend the school. I remain involved in capital projects but am also fully committed to assisting in whatever way I can to the ongoing improvements to the educational life which we offer the students at Haggerston. I am passionate about providing education which is inclusive and relevant to our diverse local community to enable everyone to do their very best.

**Ruby Hamid** is a co-opted Governor.

**Brian Lynch** recently became a governor this academic year, 2016-17, having joined Haggerston School in 2013 as an Assistant Headteacher. During his time at Haggerston School he has led Lower, Middle and Upper School and has line managed the English Faculty and Maths Faculty. He says: 'I am determined to support and stretch all students at Haggerston School and am delighted to have the chance to help improve standards and outcomes as part of the Governing Body.' He has previously worked at two mixed inner-city comprehensive schools, having started his teaching career on the Fast Track Teaching scheme as a secondary English teacher. Prior to working in education, he worked in the IT industry and for City and Guilds, managing their ICT qualifications.

**Daniel Rowe** is the Head of English and Media and has previously worked in Enfield in North London. Daniel has a passion for teaching poetry and the Study of English. Daniel is an avid reader and thoroughly enjoys reading for pleasure and relaxation and he is currently reading the well-renowned, 'The Secret History' by Donna Tartt.

**Bill Osment** is a parent governor. He has lived locally for twenty eight years and his daughter is in Y8. Bill is a qualified painter and decorator, currently project managing the renovation of an eighteenth century building in the West End and for many years was a freelance commercial and editorial photographer. He also works as a volunteer at St. Joseph's Hospice in Mare Street.