

Meet the Governors 2025

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BEATRICE ANDREWS	LA Governor	Governing Body	July 2027	Chairperson of Governing Body and Resources Committee, Teaching and Learning Committee, Performance Reviews	None





Beatrice joined Stormont House as a governor in 2018 and is now Chair. She is currently a senior civil servant in the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, where she is responsible for delivering a range of capital funding programs that are central to the government's 'levelling up' agenda. Previously in government she established the UK Policy Lab, then in the Cabinet Office, bringing citizens' voices directly into policy making. Beatrice led a team of designers, data scientists and ethnographic researchers working on some of the toughest policy challenges in government and establishing a global reputation for their innovative work. Beatrice is passionate about Stormont House and the transformative role it plays in so many young people's lives. She is a Hackney resident who loves the borough's parks and green spaces, especially the River Lea where she is frequently to be found running, cycling with her family, or just hanging out and looking at the boats.


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DOROTHY HODGSON	Co-Opted Governor since March 2019	Governing Body	July 2026	Vice Chair of Governing Body, Teaching and Learning Committee	None





Dot Hodgson works at the Greater London Authority as Principal Policy and Projects Officer in the Children and Young Londoners Team. She manages large scale grant funding programmes for young people most in need of support and advises on policy priorities for young Londoners. Prior to this she worked in Hackney for 8 years as a project manager, teacher and mentor at Inspire, an education charity based in Dalston. This included leading the Additional Needs Team, which specialised in supporting children with special educational needs in colleges, schools, pupil referral units and alternative provisions across East London. Dot delivered mentoring projects at Stormont House and worked with young people at the school over a number of years during her time at Inspire. Dot is a qualified secondary school English teacher and an enthusiastic mentor to young people. She has lived in Hackney all her life and loves swimming in London Fields Lido.


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JUDIT KIMPIAN	Parent Governor since January 2025	Governing Body	January 2029	Teaching & Learning Committee	
	<p>Judit is an architect and environmental design expert teaching net zero design and policy at the Bartlett, UCL with a background in building performance research in schools. She also works with professional bodies in the UK and the EU, including the RIBA, the Construction Industry Council, and the Architects' Council of Europe, driving policy reform to achieve a high-quality, sustainable built environment. She is an experienced SEND governor and advocate for SEND families through the Hackney Parent Carer Forum Advisory Group and other voluntary forums.</p>				

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GARY PLEASANTS	Parent Governor since January 2025	Governing Body	January 2029	Resources Committee	
	<p>Gary is a newly elected parent governor. Previously he has been a parent governor at his daughter's former primary school and served on the governing body for eight years. In that time, He was a member of the school's finance committee, chair of its resources committee, and safeguarding link governor for the school. Outside of school life, he is a member of the Waltham Forest Parents Forum and was a panel member that co-designed the borough's latest SEND strategy and local offer. In his working life Gary is a co-owner of a communications agency that specialises in community consultation and political communications. In his spare time Gary tends to the family allotment with his daughter, enjoys holidaying in France and Ireland, and get depressed by the mediocrity of his favoured football team.</p>				

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RHIANNON EGLIN	Co-Opted Governor since October 2020	Governing Body	October 2028	Teaching and Learning Committee	Employed at Hackney Education
	<p>Rhiannon has been a Governor at Stormont House for a year. She is a qualified SENCo (Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator) and has been teaching young people with additional needs in East London Schools for 12 years. She works as a Specialist Teacher for the Inclusion Team at Hackney Education. In this role, Rhiannon offers advice, guidance and training on inclusion to schools. She is involved in the development of a new project Education Youth Inclusion Team (EYIT) which will help champion inclusion in Hackney's schools. Rhiannon is very committed to making sure all young people have a positive, enjoyable and inclusive educational experience. In addition, she is a keen Musician and in her spare time she runs music and film events for the community. Rhiannon has been Chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee since 2021.</p>				

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NICOLA PIZZOLATO	Co-Opted Governor Since June 2021	Governing Body	June 2025	Resources Committee	Investor in Teavaro and Good Empire (tech companies)
	<p>Nico is currently the Director of Doctoral Programs at Middlesex University's Business School and has worked for the past 25 years in higher education institutions in the UK and abroad. He is an educator and a researcher passionate about the positive impact that students can make on society. Over the years, Nico has been involved in a number of projects related to the digital transformation of education (in particular learning technologies) and business (in particular advertising technology).</p>				

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	KEVIN MCDONNELL	Headteacher	n/a	n/a	Governing Body, Resources Committee, Teaching and Learning Committee	None

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	JUSTYNA SAGAN	Staff Governor since November 2024	Staff at SHS	November 2028	Teaching and Learning Committee	Employed at SHS