

The Members

The Members of the Multi Academy Trust are the equivalent of the shareholders in a commercial company (save that they do not receive dividends). In simple terms the Members "own" the Academy Trust. They have a number of statutory rights and responsibilities that are set out in the Academy Trust's Articles of Association.

Role of the Members:

The Members may be considered as the guardians of the constitution. They will meet at least once a year though may meet more often if necessary.

The reserved powers of the Members are:

- To review and amend the Articles of Association which are the constitution of the Academy Trust specifying the composition of the membership and how it conducts business;
- To change the name of the Academy Trust;
- To appoint and remove of the majority of Trustees;
- To receive an annual report from the Trustees and the CEO on the Academy Trust's performance;
- To appoint the external auditors; and
- To approve any service contracts between the Trust and any of its Trustees.

Who Are our Members?

Sir Steve Lancashire – Sir Steve is a former Headteacher and Executive Headteacher of Hillyfield Academy in Waltham Forest and Tidemill Academy in Deptford. One of the original London Challenge Heads and an architect of the 'from good to great' programme of school improvement. Sir Steve is the founder and CEO of REACH2 Academy Trust, the largest primary academy MAT in the country.

Professor Shirley Simon – Shirley is a professor of Science Education at the UCL Institute of Education, University College London. She taught in inner-city London schools before becoming a full-time researcher and lecturer in science education. She took a position at the Institute of Education in 2001 and has since been Head of Department. Her work has focused on the implementation of new assessment practices, scientific inquiry, teacher learning and professional development. Her current research focuses on attitudes to science and STEM careers. She teaches on masters programs and supervises doctoral students working in many aspects of STEM education. She is also a Visiting Professor and Honorary Doctor at Umeå University in Sweden.

John Ellison - John is a former secondary school science teacher, higher education mentor and medical and biological researcher. John was the Royal Botanical Gardens Kew's Education Officer for ten years and Head of Formal Learning at the Eden Project for nine years.