



Bridges Board of Trustees

Catherine Benbow

Catherine has worked for the Leprosy Mission overseas for many years and continues to serve as a Trustee for the Leprosy Mission for England & Wales.

Isabel Carter (Chair)

Isabel worked with Tearfund for many years coordinating their international publications. She is now focusing on campaigning on climate change.

John Stokes

John is a qualified Accountant running the finances of a small private multi-national company. He has had extensive experience working globally and a belief in trade as a means to bring about change in developing economies. He has a keen interest in helping Bridges to see what can be done to build a fairer and more sustainable world.

Verena Waterhouse

Verena is a retired teacher who has lived in Africa and Asia, accompanying her husband who worked for the British Council. She has taught in London, Glasgow and Lagos, Nigeria and has worked with children and adults in an unpaid capacity in Kathmandu, Nepal and Bangkok, Thailand, training choirs and producing children's dramatic works. She has lived in Shrewsbury for eight years and is interested in working with children to further the aims of Bridges.

Ann Wishart

Ann has 30 years experience of working in the education sector, including primary, special needs, tertiary and teacher training. Now retired, she is actively involved as a governor in her local school, a trustee of a refugee charity, a volunteer in several local groups/charities, and as a campaigner with national organisations working for change in the developing world. Ann has a particular interest in the contribution that volunteers and community networking can make to an organisation.

Steven Taylor

Steven has had a long career in teaching both in Primary and Secondary Schools. After a headship, he moved to Shropshire to take up the post of School Improvement Advisor, working with Schools across the county. He currently acts as lead officer on developing international opportunities and promoting community cohesion for the Local Authority and serves on the West Midlands Regional Network for International Learning. Steven is a qualified OFSTED inspector, SIAS Inspector for the Diocese of Manchester and Visiting Fellow of the University of Salford.

Nigel Hall (Vice Chair)

Nigel is a lecturer in Soil Science at Harper Adams University College near Newport, Shropshire, where he has a keen interest in farmer training. Coming from a Naval background, Nigel has spent time living overseas. He has worked in over twenty countries both for Harper Adams and previously for Tate and Lyle.