

# **Our Trustees**

## Helping Guide our Future

The Association is run by a board of Trustees, who have a range of backgrounds and experience and provide the Association with a wealth of knowledge and support. The current Trustees are shown below.

If you'd like to get in touch or have any thoughts or questions, you can email Julie Gomer, Chair of Trustees, at [juliegomer@hotmail.com](mailto:juliegomer@hotmail.com).

### **Julie Gomer (Treasurer and Chair)**

I am a qualified accountant and have worked in the charitable sector for 20+ years. This includes 11 years with Rose Road during the Childrens' Appeal to raise the funds to build the Bradbury Centre.

Having taken early retirement in 2019, I was delighted to be able to return to Rose Road as a Trustee and to be able to use my experience in the role of Treasurer. In my spare time I volunteer in the fundraising team at Rose Road, will say "yes" to any adventure, enjoy playing tennis and throwing weights around in the gym. My garden and greenhouse are my "happy place".

### **Con Attridge (Vice Chair)**

I became a Trustee in 2006 and was Chair between October 2010 and November 2015. My daughter Katie, who is autistic, has been accessing Rose Road's Short Break and Outreach services since 2006. I have specialised in the area of Human Resources for over 20 years gaining a wide range of experience. Prior to taking early retirement in 2010 I was Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development for a large not for profit Housing Association with over 800 employees.

As well as my current trustee duties I have been involved in a number of fundraising initiatives for Rose Road including successfully completing the London to Paris Cycle ride.

### **Chris Sirl (Treasurer Elect)**

I am a retired qualified accountant, and have joined the Board of Trustees having formerly supported Rose Road for two years as a volunteer through work on a number of projects.

### **Jane Lyon-Maris**

As soon as I qualified as a physiotherapist I knew that I wanted to work with children. So, after working with adults for the required 2 years I took myself off to Great Ormond Street and persuaded them to give me a job. The next twenty years were spent working with children, young adults and their families and carers in hospitals their homes and schools - including Mordaunt (now Rosewood) School with the Therapy team.

More recently I have done some teaching with students at Southampton University and had two children of my own. I became a trustee in 2011. I am very aware of the unique responsibilities that I hold as a trustee and am personally very grateful for all of the support and training opportunities provided for by Rose Road to ensure that I can fulfil my role within the charity.

### **Zoe Evans**

I am a new trustee joining the board in 2018. I am head teacher at Rosewood free School so share a passion for working with families and young people. I have worked at Rosewood since 2004 so I am fully aware of the vital service Rose Road offers families and young people.

Over the last year we have worked jointly on strengthening the quality of provision and where we can work collaboratively. I am hoping to serve the association in this new role as trustee and develop further a positive relationship with the school community.

### **Sam Clough**

I joined Rose Road as Trustee in 2019 following an introduction from a friend whose daughter and family had been supported by the Association. I know first-hand the difference that a charity such as Rose Road plays in families lives. I wanted to be able to actively support Rose Road, beyond making a donation or taking on a challenge, so I've offered my skills and experience in business to support the team... and some of our amazing young people and families. It's extremely rewarding and I'm proud to be part of the Rose Road team.

My motto in life – is 'Live life... be kind'. I've a huge zest for life and when I'm not multi-tasking, I love to be active and outdoors – walking running or playing netball. This summer I'm mostly hoping to be paddle boarding.

### **Doug Miller**

I first started working with Rose Road in 2012 taking part in a marathon of fundraising events. I chose Rose Road as a charity to support as I knew a number of families to which they provide respite care, and I soon discovered the breadth of their services and extent of their community involvement. In a previous role I worked with children with disabilities investigating and seeking compensation where negligence had occurred.

### **Sheila Stokes White**

I founded an Organisation Development company and designed and delivered bespoke board development, leadership development, culture change and transformation initiatives across the UK and with all sectors. In the process I has mentored top leaders of many organisations. My book "The Ethics of Work" was published by Management Books 2000 in 2014 <http://www.amazon.co.uk/Ethics-Work-Sheila-Stokes-white/dp/1852527412>.

I am a strategic consultant and have advised many local government partnerships throughout the UK on governance, regeneration and economic development. Following the Care Act 2014 I was involved in developing collaborations between health and social care.

I was a Non-executive director of an NHS Trust for 11 years and was latterly Vice Chair offering a business and wider strategic perspective to the table and challenging the executive on governance and risk management. She was until recently Vice Chair of an Arts organisation and was a non-executive director of the Wheatsheaf Trust

I am an experienced facilitator and hope that my expertise will be helpful to Rose Road for whom I have the greatest respect for the way the organisation has continued to run during the pandemic.

### **Paul Best**

I am very pleased to have been a Trustee since 2019 and to make a contribution to the work of such a valuable and hardworking organisation.

I have a background as a Chartered Landscape Architect and Urban Designer and have a particular interest and experience in creating exciting and special school and care environments, achieving a number of national design awards.

I am also a passionate Landscape Artist and I am always keen to exploit the full potential for the engagement of a range of Arts in any project or initiative.