

## Our Trustees



**Graham Wylie, Chair**

Graham is an entrepreneurial accountant who has successfully started several companies in the technology sector based in Cambridge and Milton Keynes. He has been a supporter of Autism Early Support for many years and now that he is semi-retired hopes to make a real contribution to the growth of the centre.



**Lee Turkel, Vice Chair**

Lee has held varied senior roles in financial services for many years, both on Wall Street and in The City, and recently moved to Buckinghamshire with her family. She hopes to use her experience to assist in broadening our range of funding sources.



**Malcolm Davies, Trustee**

Malcolm Davies is International Director for a bicycle manufacturer and distributor and is married with 3 children. Malcolm's youngest son, who has complex special needs principally relating to language and communication, was one of the first group of pupils taught at our Centre and also part funded by the Local Authority.



**Alex Rowe, Trustee**

Alex is an airline pilot and brings with him several years' experience in school governance, combined with risk management and collaborative leadership.

Alex says of AES: 'My family is fortunate to have witnessed, first-hand, the positive impact of AES on the lives of young children with autism; our son, Elliot, attended Circle Centre for eighteen months and the experience was of immeasurable benefit to him (and to us all). It has a very special place in our hearts.

When the opportunity arose to join the team of dedicated and skilled AES Trustees, I knew immediately that I wanted to be involved. I look very much forward to translating those skills, along with my personal experience as a father of an autistic child, into a valuable contribution to the bright future of AES, and to that of the children for whom the charity ultimately exists.'



**Guy Brogden, Trustee**

Guy is a chartered surveyor, chairs a local property investment company and is a director of a number of other London based companies. He spends the rest of his time supporting educational charities and is very keen to help us grow.



**Paul Cresswell, Trustee**

Paul is an IT specialist who has had an extensive career in consultancy, as a director of various multi-national companies, and latterly as a serial entrepreneur starting and growing companies providing and operating software supporting the building industry. He is Church Warden and Lay Preacher at Padbury.



**Chloe Long, Trustee**

Chloe is a Global Director for an international luxury fashion group, specialising in the protection of Intellectual Property Rights. She lives in Buckinghamshire with her partner and two children. Her eldest son Theo has complex special needs and attended our nursery for a year in 2018. Chloe and her family were overwhelmed by the incredible support provided by charity and she is passionate about using her experience to help us support as many families as possible.



**Alex Stanyer MBE, Trustee**

**B.Ed, MA (Infant Spec.Ed), Dip. Speech and Language Difficulties**

Alex has over 30 years experience of working with children with a range of developmental and learning difficulties. Her main focus of work has been with pre-school children and she has developed a particular interest and expertise in teaching young children with autism. She set up Puzzle Preschool (now Autism Early Support, The Circle Centre Nursery) in September 2001. Since 2010 she has attended extensive training and coaching in the SCERTS educational model and has been instrumental in facilitating the Autism Early Support team adopting and using this evidenced based educational model for working with children

		<p>with autism and related difficulties with communication and interaction.</p> <p>Alex was one of the original group of volunteers who trained as an Advisor for the National Autistic Society's Education Advice Line and continues to present a range of training courses and at conferences for parents and practitioners about early years education and autism. She is a member of the International Society for Early Intervention and was on the Expert Reference Group for the Autism Education Trust (AET) for seven years. She is one of several consultants who developed a national set of standards, competencies and training materials for early years autism on behalf of the AET.</p>
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