

Our Trustees



Graham Wylie, Chair of Trustees

Graham Wylie is a qualified accountant with a background in computer technology companies. As a founder of three technology companies, two of which were subsequently listed on the London Stock Exchange, Graham has many years' experience of managing small companies that grow to be big companies – with all the challenges this involves. In many ways AES faces similar challenges to any other small business.

In 2014 Graham joined the Trustee Board of AES and took over as Chair in 2015. AES gives Graham the opportunity to use his business experience and make a real contribution to the sustainability and growth of the charity which was, and still is, demonstrably making a real difference to the lives of very young children.



Lee Turkel, Vice Chair

Lee has held varied senior roles in financial services for many years, both on Wall Street and in The City. When Lee moved to Buckinghamshire with her family, she was interested in engaging in the local community, and found the opportunity to serve Autism Early Support, then The Puzzle Centre, as a Trustee to be a worthwhile and exciting challenge. The truly outstanding work of the charity, enhancing the life chances of so many young children, as well as our 'family' of passionate and committed individuals, remain extremely rewarding, 10 years on!

Lee focuses on helping AES to develop diverse opportunities for revenue generation, ranging from charitable fundraising to sustainable sources of trading income."



Alexandra Stanyer MBE

B.Ed, MA, Dip. Speech and Language Difficulties

Alex qualified as a specialist teacher of children with learning difficulties in 1981. She went on to study at post graduate level in both very early developmental difficulties and speech and language difficulties. She developed a particular interest and expertise in teaching young children with autism.

Alex set up Puzzle Preschool (now the Circle Centre Nursery and Autism Early Support) in September 2001. She was a member of the Expert Reference Group for the Autism Education Trust (AET) for seven years, from its inception. She was one of several consultants who developed a national set of standards and training materials for Early Years Autism on behalf of the AET. Alex feels passionately about the importance of early support and help for children and families with a child who has developmental delays or difficulties and enjoys contributing her knowledge and experience as a member of the Trustee Board at Autism Early Support.



Alex Rowe, Trustee

Alex joined the AES trustee board in 2020.

Alex says "I have enjoyed supporting the organisation during a challenging period for all charities.

My son is autistic and benefited immensely from his time attending Circle Centre, so it's particularly rewarding to be able to contribute something back to such a special place run by talented and dedicated people.

I have a passion for collaborative leadership, and love the strategic role, offering challenge and support to the team at AES, with a specific responsibility overseeing safeguarding. I bring with me many years' experience on governing bodies and trustee boards, alongside skills of leadership, communication, risk management and recruitment from my professional life as an airline captain."



Chloe Long, Trustee

Chloe is a Director at an Intellectual Property law firm in London. She has worked in the field of IP law for over 16 years, devising and implementing IP protection/enforcement strategies for international brands. Chloe lives in Buckinghamshire with her husband and three sons. Her eldest son Theo was born with a rare genetic condition and has severe learning disabilities, autism and complex epilepsy. Theo attended the AES nursery in 2017. Chloe and her family were so overwhelmed by the support they received from AES that Chloe joined AES as a trustee, to use her experience to help us support as many children and families as possible.



Paul Cresswell, Trustee

Paul is a Performance Improvement specialist. He has had an extensive career in multi-national consultancy, as a director of various multi-national companies, and latterly as a serial entrepreneur founding and growing software companies. He is Treasurer of the PCC of St Laurence Church, Winslow; for which he set up and runs a Charity Shop.



Dr. Michael Dada, Trustee
BSc, MSc, D.Clin.Psych

Michael holds a Doctorate Degree in Clinical Psychology, and is statutorily registered both as a clinical and forensic psychologist with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC), UK.

He has worked with several Multi-Disciplinary Teams, working across the whole lifespan in clinical, social care and educational settings, both in the NHS and private sector. He possess well developed knowledge and skills in the areas of mental health and developmental conditions, especially children and adults with autism.

Michael says of AES “I am attracted to AES’ educational support model, which approach incorporates the social and emotional difficulties experienced by the children and their parents. As a clinical psychologist, I am hoping to contribute to policies and strategies that would help in sustaining and enhancing the quality and standards of service delivery.”