

## 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.



**Bryan Wright, Trustee**

Bryan co-founded Yellowyoyo with his wife Amanda in 1998, specialising in business and brand transformation. As Strategy and Legacy Director, he assists SME owners in envisioning their ideal future and executing strategies to achieve it. With 45 years of international experience, Bryan began his career at Conran Associates and has since developed expertise in understanding customer and employee behavior. He pioneered multichannel strategy, design, and marketing, establishing the UK's first retail interactive agency in 1990 and creating innovations like 'Click & Collect.'

Bryan has launched several high-growth international businesses focusing on strategic digital transformation. A dedicated Derby County Football Club supporter, Bryan recently collaborated with Sarah Sweet-Rowley on AES's business and brand strategies and now serves as a trustee to continue contributing his expertise.



**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.



**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.



**Amanda Saville, Trustee**

Amanda has worked in the charity sector for 18 years as a professional fundraiser, specialising in Trusts and Statutory funding. She has worked at national and local organisations and is currently the Statutory Lead at Samaritans.

During her career Amanda has worked with a wide range of funders including The National Lottery Community Fund, Children in Need and various Government departments. A cause-led fundraiser, she is skilled in raising sustainable income for services and projects that make a lasting impact on communities and individuals.

Amanda was delighted to join the Board in 2025 and have the opportunity to use her skills to make a difference to the children and families supported by AES.



**Debbie Thorp, Trustee**

Debbie Thorp has over 40 years' experience working in the hi-tech sector, specialising in business development and marketing, Debbie has focused on helping small companies grow to sale or public listing. Drawing on this commercial background, Debbie understands the challenges faced by AES and is committed to applying her skills to sustain the charity long term, particularly through initiatives like the Parents Portal.

Debbie joined the Board in 2026 and aims to ensure that AES continues to make a lasting difference for autistic children, and enabling the charity to support many more families by extending the reach of the Parents Portal.