

Potteries Educational Trust (PET)

Register of Interests – updated 5 September 2025

Summary of Interests Declared (individual returns kept by Clerk to the Trustees)

Name	Nature of Interest	Comments
Professor Martin Jones Member & Trustee	• Vice-Chancellor and CEO University of Staffordshire • Director Staffordshire University MAT • Director Staffordshire University Services Limited (from 1 January 2022) • Director Staffordshire University Student Services Limited (from 23 March 2022) • External Examiner Aberystwyth University from September 2022 • Trustee Regional Studies Association • Director Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Local Enterprise Partnership Limited • Director SU Residential Services Limited (From 25 March 2024) • Director Universities UK (from 01/08/2025)	
Professor Trevor McMillan Member	• Employer: Vice Chancellor Keele University from 2014 to 31/08/2025 • Unpaid positions: ○ Staffordshire and S-o-T Local Enterprise Partnership Board Member ○ Universities UK Member ○ Newcastle Town Deal Board (Chair) ○ Midlands Innovation Board (Chair)	
Carol Shanahan Member	• Chair Port Vale Football Club • Trustee – Port Vale Foundation • Honorary Doctorate Staffordshire University • Honorary Doctorate Keele University • Chair – Synectics Solutions Ltd (resigned 12/02/2025) • Rosie Jones (Daughter) is Trustee of Potteries Educational Trust • Bescura Ltd (from 14/02/2022) • Shanahan Capital Limited (from 09/12/2023) • Shanahan Properties (Holdings) Limited (from 09/12/2023) • Director of Weaver Bidco Limited (from 22 April 2024) • Director of Weaver Midco 1 (Limited) (from 22 April 2024) • Director of Weaver Midco 2 (Limited) (from 22 April 2024) • Director of Weaver Topco Limited (from 22 April 2024)	
Alun Rogers Member	• None declared	

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Charles Freeman Trustee	- Chair of Governors at St. Margaret's (CE) Junior School, Wolstanton, Newcastle-under- Lyme. - Member of Rotary Club of Stoke-on-Trent - Member/Chair of Independent Exclusion and Admission Appeal Panels operating in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent local authorities and for the Catholic Diocese	
Clare Mayer Trustee	- Governor Moorside High School (resigned as governor 17/03/2025) - Employee of University of Staffordshire	
Heather McLachlan Trustee & CEO	National Lottery Heritage Fund committee member (Midlands and East Team) from 01/09/2024)	
John Gething Trustee	None declared	Appointed 06/07/2025
John Smart Trustee	- Stoke and Staffordshire Careers Hub Enterprise Advisor (Volunteer) from 24/09/2024 - Director: Christ the King Catholic Collegiate from 09/09/2024	
Kate Townshend Trustee	- Holden Lane Primary Academy (Chair of Governors) from 01/09/2024 - Alpha Academies Trust (Chair of Board) from 01/09/2025 to 31/08/2026	Appointed 06/01/2025
Kath Smith Trustee	Grandson attends City of Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College (from September 2024)	
Professor Kristyan Spelman Miller Trustee	Pro Vice Chancellor (Education) at Keele University	
Michelle Johnstone Trustee	- Director for Thomas Boughey Kindergarten Ltd - Trustee of St Bart's Multi Academy Trust (from 23 November 2023)	
Paul Mangnall Trustee	- SASCAL (Stoke Heads & Principals 11-19 Partnership) Facilitator, from 01/09/2016 - Governor Ormiston Meridian Academy from 01/09/2015	
Rosie Jones Trustee	- Director of Synectics Solutions Stoke (resigned on 12/02/2025) - Carol Shanahan (Mother) appointed as Member of Potteries Educational Trust (1 February 2023) - Director of Synectics Solutions (Holdings) Limited (from 22 April 2024 – 12/02/2025) - Director of Weaver Bidco Limited (from 22 April 2024) - Director of Weaver Midco 1 (Limited) (from 22 April 2024) - Director of Weaver Midco 2 (Limited) (from 22 April 2024) - Director of Weaver Topco Limited (from 22 April 2024)	

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Suzanne Quinn Trustee	Project Manager – Staffordshire Chambers of Commerce	Appointed 01/09/2025
Sue Hawley Governance Professional, Clerk & Company Secretary	- Governor at Park Hall Primary Academy - Clerk to St Teresa's (CtKCC) sub committees (from 01/09/2024)	
Peter Gavin Trustee	Relative appointed as governor for Biddulph High School 17/06/2025	Resigned 31/08/2025