

Potteries Educational Trust (PET)

Register of Interests – updated 6 October 2026

Summary of Interests Declared (individual returns kept by Governance Professional)

Name	Nature of Interest	Comments
Professor Martin Jones Member & Trustee	- Vice-Chancellor and CEO University of Staffordshire (ended 30 April 2026) - Director Staffordshire University MAT (ended 5 May 2026) - Director Staffordshire University Services Limited (from 1 January 2022 ended 30 April 2026) - Director Staffordshire University Student Services Limited (from 23 March 2022 ended 30 April 2026) - External Examiner University of Manchester University from September 2024 - Director SU Residential Services Limited (From 25 March 2024 ended 30 April 2026) - Director Universities UK (from 01/08/2025 ended 5 May 2026) - Emeritus Professor, University of Staffordshire (from 1 August 2026)	
Carol Shanahan Member	- Director – The Shanahan Foundation Ltd (from 30 September 2025) - Director – Weaver TopCo Ltd (from 22 April 2024) - Director – Weaver BidCo Ltd (from 22 April 2024) - Director – Weaver MidCo 1 Ltd (from 22 April 2024) - Director – Weaver MidCo 2 Ltd (from 22 April 2024) - Director – The Football League (Community) Ltd (from 1 February 2023) - Director – Shanahan Properties (Holdings) Ltd (from 9 December 2023) - Director – Shanahan Capital Ltd (from 9 December 2023) - Director – Shanahan Properties Ltd (from 9 December 2023) - Director – Bescura Ltd (from 1 February 2023) - Director – Port Vale Football Club Foundation (from 1 February 2023) - Director – Port Vale Football Club (from 1 February 2023) - Director – SynSol Holdings Ltd (from 1 February 2023) - Honorary Doctorate – Staffordshire University (from 1 February 2023) - Honorary Doctorate – Keele University (from 1 February 2023) - Director – The Hubb Foundation (from 1 February 2023 to 26 September 2024) - Director – Synectics Solutions (Holdings) Ltd 9 (from 22 April 2024 to 12 February 2025) - Director – Synectics Solutions Ltd (from 1 February 2023 to 12 February 2025) - Rosie Jones (Daughter) is a Trustee of Potteries Educational Trust	
Alun Rogers Member	None declared	

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Professor Kevin Shakesheff Member	Vice Chancellor Keele University	Appointed from 28/01/2026

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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	Employee of University of Staffordshire	
Heather McLachlan Trustee & CEO	- WM RISE Secondment April 2025 (PET is paid for my services) - National Lottery Heritage Fund Midlands and East Committee Member Sept 2024 - Co-opted attendee at Alpha Academies Trust Standards Committee - University of Staffordshire Hons DLitt	
John Gething Trustee	None declared	
Kate Townshend Trustee	Holden Lane Primary Academy (Chair of Governors) (Alpha Academies Trust	
Kath Smith Trustee	Grandson is student of City of Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College (from September 2024)	
Rosie Jones Trustee	- Director of The Shanahan Foundation Ltd (from 30 September 2025) - Director of IFK Legacy CIC (from 1 October 2025) - Director of Weaver Topco Limited (from 22 April 2024) - 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 Synectics Solutions (Holdings) Limited (from 22 April 2024 to 12 February 2025) - Director of Synectics Solutions Stoke (from 26 January 2022 to 12 February 2025) - Carol Shanahan (Mother) is Member of Potteries Educational Trust	
Suzanne Quinn Trustee	Project Manager – Staffordshire Chambers of Commerce	

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Sue Hawley Governance Professional, Clerk & Company Secretary	Governor at Park Hall Primary Academy	

Historic – Left in last 12 months

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Professor Kristyan Spelman Miller Trustee	- Pro Vice Chancellor (Education) at Keele University (to September 2025) - Associate Director, Board of University of Cumbria (from September 2025)	End of Term of Office 25/01/2026
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)	Resigned 28/01/2026
Paul Mangnall Trustee	- SASCAL (Stoke Heads & Principals 11-19 Partnership) Facilitator, from 01/09/2016 - Governor Ormiston Academies Trust Meridian Academy from 01/09/2015	Resigned 28/02/2026
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	Resigned 31/03/2026
Michelle Johnstone Trustee	- Director for Thomas Boughey Kindergarten Ltd - Trustee of St Bart's Multi Academy Trust (from 23 November 2023) - Leam Mentor with University of Staffordshire (from 1 September 2025) - Husband is Chair of Governors for Werrington Primary School	Resigned 31/08/2026