



I've been involved in The Tapscott Learning Trust before it became a Trust, so long ago in fact that I can't remember the year. Back in 2002 or 2003 my daughter was a pupil at Curwen Primary School. I was working full time at Newham Council and as a single parent was not often at the school gate picking her up or dropping her off. So I was keen to get involved in the school as a governor. I became an LEA governor (appointed by the Local Authority) and served since then until she was doing her A levels!

I loved the school, she got so much from it, and also just seeing all the children over the years go on and do great things too.

The school really set them up to set their sights and ambitions high – and gave them the tools to get there.

So, after a break of a couple of years, when I was approached to become a Trustee of the new Trust, I was keen to get involved again; this time with Kensington, Ranelagh and North Beckton too. I now work in the charity sector as an interim Chief Executive which means I get to see a lot of organisations up close, working with different teams and challenges each year.

I have learned so much over the years from my work with Curwen and now the Trust– about governance, how to chair meetings, about education and above all about the deep values and love of learning the Trust and its schools hold paramount. I love the way each school develops its own approach but is always guided by those values and the children and community it serves.

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