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I joined the Tapscott Learning Trust as a Trustee nearly two years ago, having retired from a busy role in the financial services industry, where I had been working for 37 years. I've always felt very passionate about the education of children and young people and was delighted when the opportunity arose to become a Trustee. I didn't feel ready to hang up my boots completely and it seemed to be the perfect opportunity to use the experience from my previous career to get involved in something I feel very passionate about.

My role has expanded over the past two years – I've become Vice Chair in that period and also joined the Audit and Risk Committee. More recently I've become a member of the LAB at Curwen.

As a Trustee, I get to experience the activity going on across all of the schools in the Trust, and am always impressed by the individual character of each one and the vast range of activities and opportunities available to all the children. I particularly enjoy being a member of the LAB at Curwen, as I get the opportunity to experience a real close-up of the activities of the school and to see first hand the development and progress of the children on their individual learning journeys, regardless of their abilities. I love having the opportunity to meet parents, teachers and children and to hear from them directly, as their thoughts are extremely important in shaping things for the future.

My role as a member of the Curwen LAB, with its direct and regular engagement with the school community, is instrumental in informing my role as a Trustee. I'm very much looking forward to getting more involved as time goes on and in particular, meeting more parents, teachers and children. I always come away from my visits to school feeling very inspired by everything I see and hear!

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