

Governance

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A message from Paul Harris

Dear Trustees, Governors and Members,



To work as a volunteer with continued commitment and focus to ensure that our organisation delivers the very best for our children, families and communities is such a key role and we are incredibly lucky to have such a dedicated team working across all of our schools and the Trust. The difference that each of you makes, not only by supporting but in driving change, is essential and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your time, energy and commitment to helping us be the best that we can be. This is a perfect example of the Trust's motto 'working together to achieve for all'.

This is a special time of year with many of you observing and celebrating different religious festivals and I would like to wish you all every happiness over the next few weeks. I hope that you all have a fantastic spring break and we look forward to seeing you upon our return to school in April, for what will surely be a very busy and eventful summer term.

Best wishes
Paul Harris
CEO

Annual Audit

The annual Trust External Audit for 2021-22 was conducted during the Autumn term. The outcome was extremely positive and our strongest to date, demonstrating the positive progress we continue to make as a Trust.

This came on the back of some difficult challenges faced as part of establishing the Trust initially over the past few years. However, with strong leadership, hard work and determination from colleagues we now have solid foundations from which to grow the Trust. The final report advised that there were no areas of concern, emphasising the progress made by TTLT.

Our thanks go to Taz and his finance team for all the hard work!



Spotlight on Inclusion



Over this term each of our schools has shared a spotlight of what inclusion is like at their setting. Inclusion for everyone is a core belief of this organisation and we are delighted to be able to share just a small snippet of the work that is being done within each of our schools. These can be found on our website – Tapscott Learning Trust – Advice & Information (ttl.academy)

Each of these spotlights demonstrates each schools dedication, commitment and how they meet the needs of everyone within their own unique communities and we are delighted to share these with you.



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The Tapscott Learning Trust Annual Report
2021/22



I just wanted to take a moment to congratulate you guys on your approach to your Annual Report. Really clear to see your purpose is clearly focused on the beneficiaries. Refreshing!
HEAD TEACHER, LANCASHIRE

Our annual report is out now!
This will give you a small flavour of what we do in our schools and the trust.



My Story -Kate Shurety

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.

TRUSTEE
Kate Shurety



For further stories see [here](#)



Welcome

New Governors recruited this year so far...

At Kensington - Kalsoom Iqbal, a Deputy Head Teacher at a local Newham secondary school

At Ranelagh – Tkaya Giscombe, a mental health nurse

At North Beckton – Dan Scott, a local vicar, and Hiwot Ameneshoa, a Wellbeing and Resilience Manager at HeadStart Newham



Turkey- Syria Eathquake

In February, areas of Turkey and Syria were devastated by an earthquake that shocked the world. The impact on so many lives and the needs of those in the areas affected had a huge impact on our communities. As always, everyone at the trust wanted to help and each of our school's flew into action to raise money. Despite the increased cost of living pressures, an amazing £2,500 was raised!!

Since the earthquake, Mr Shaba Ali, one of Curwen's parents and governors, who works for local charity One Ummah (meaning community in Arabic) has had one of his busiest months ever, working with his team to fundraise. Event such as a football tournament and collections at local Mosques have all contributed to the charity raising an impressive £4million with this money being split between the relief effort in both Turkey and Syria.

We really are so lucky to have such amazing communities to work with!



Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Survey

96% of staff believe that the Trust is inclusive of different backgrounds, identities and needs

Many thanks to all of you who took the time earlier this term to complete the Trust's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion survey. We are now in the process of analysing the results in order to develop the work of the Trust further and over the next few months will be sharing what we have learned.



Dates For your Diary

Meetings Summer 2023

Curwen – 25th April (Governance Day) & 20th June 2023

Kensington – 26th April (Governance Day) & 14th June 2023

North Beckton – 2nd May & 27th June (Governance Day) 2023

Ranelagh – 4th May & 6th July (Governance Day) 2023

Rebecca Cheetham – 10th May & 5th July (Governance Afternoon) 2023

Trust Board – 23rd May at North Beckton & 18th July at Ranelagh

SS&C – 27th June 2023

FOR – 13th June 2023

ARC – 9th May 2023

Training and support



Please remember that all governors and trustees that, via TTLT subscriptions, everyone has access to the National Governance Association and The Key for Governors. These websites hold a wealth of information, up to date articles and on line training courses and all governors are encouraged to use these. In addition, the CST has training programmers aimed at trustees.

Should you need any details, or require a log in, please speak to either Karen or Clare in the Governance Team.