





Mark Waddington CEO, Hope and Homes for Children

Mark has almost 30 years' experience working in the humanitarian and international development sectors, of which sixteen years have been as a CEO – eight years running War Child and eight years running Hope and Homes for Children. He has served as a Board Chair for ten years, and was recently appointed to the Board of Barnardo's, where he was appointed Chair of the Barnardo's Foundation Advisory Board. He received the CBE for services to global child protection in the 2019 UK Honours.



Shane RyanExecutive Director, Avast

Shane Ryan is a British social reformer/activist, writer, and formerly, Deputy Director at the National Lottery Community Fund. He was previously Chief Executive of Working with Men (now Future Men), a charity supporting men and boys in the United Kingdom, and served on the secretariat of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Fatherhood. Ryan is best known for his work in highlighting the plight of less affluent boys in the British education system and teenage fathers in the UK. He regularly speaks about support for unemployed young men, and his work related to fathers and families. In 2018, in the wake of the Grenfell Tower disaster, Ryan helped to set up and is currently the Chair of The Grenfell Children and Young People's Fund, with the support of the Queens Park Rangers Trust and the Evening Standard newspaper.



Jacquie Burke
Group Director of Children
and Education at London
Borough of Hackney

Jacquie is a qualified social worker with more than 30 years' experience in the children's sector. She has held a number of senior leadership roles in local authority children's services, and has a practice background in statutory social work and Children and Adult Mental Health Services (CAMHS). Jacquie has worked for the NSPCC's Consultancy Services and for Barnardo's as its National Safeguarding Manager. Jacquie is currently a director in Surrey County Council and has responsibility for early help, youth offending and safeguarding.



Alex HolmesDeputy CEO, Diana Award;
Advisor, Gates Foundation

Alex, a former victim of bullying, used his experience age 16 to found the concept of Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. He runs this full time, heading up the programme and campaign at the charity, The Diana Award. As a result there are now over 20,000 Ambassadors in over 3,000 schools across the UK and Ireland.



Claudia Bernard
Professor, Social Work,
Goldsmiths, University
of London

Claudia is a Professor of Social Work and Co-Head in the Department of Social, Therapeutic and Community Studies at Goldsmiths, University of London. Claudia is a qualified social worker and, has worked in local authority children and families social work and has retained this interest in her research and teaching. Her general interests lie in the areas of social work with children and families, gender-based violence, critical race theory, equalities and social justice. She has written widely on these topics, including a book entitled Constructing Lived Experiences: Representations of Black Mothers in Child Sexual Abuse Discourses (2nd Edition, Routledge, 2017), and an edited collection entitled Safeguarding Black Children: Good Practice in Child Protection (Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2016). She is currently writing a book entitled Intersectionality for Social Workers: Theory and Practice for a Super-Diverse Society, to be published by Routledge.



Toby LoweVisiting Professor, Centre for Public Impact

Toby spent 15 years working across the public and voluntary sectors in the UK, working in both policy and delivery roles. He is on secondment to the Centre for Public Impact from Newcastle Business School, where he has been working alongside public and voluntary sector organisations to develop an alternative paradigm for public management – one which enables public service to work more effectively in complex, dynamic environments.



Louise Chandler Student

Louise is a Mental Health Activist and a Youth Colleague at Barnardo's. She is experienced at amplifying the voices of young people through her work for Barnardo's. This work includes organising the Have your Say events, co-producing the National Mental Health and Wellbeing Report 'In Our Own Words', and contributing to the 'Time for a Clean Slate' and 'Lessons from Lockdown' reports. Her work involves primary research and report design. Louise has lived experience of mental health and is passionate about amplifying the voices of young people. She has spoken at national and regional events and presented ideas to government ministers and MPs through roundtable forums. Louise is also a member of the British Youth Council, a Research Young Adviser for a University of Oxford Study and a member of the Council for Disabled Children.



Harry PhindaHome Office Advisor

With a background in International Relations, Harry has worked as a Policy Advisor to the UK Government, Parliament and numerous international organisations. Harry served on the UNICEF UK board for eight years as their special advisor on youth and is still a life time honorary fellow. He is a co-founder of Youth for Change, a global youth advocacy organisation which tackles Female Genital Mutilation and Early Forced Marriage. He was awarded the Queens Young Leader Award for his work engaging men and boys to make a difference in gender issues. He is currently working as a Policy Advisor in the civil service. His recent campaign experience has come as a result of leading operations for the 56 Black Men campaign.





Dr Claire Baker Research and Policy Consultant

For over 20 years, Dr Claire Baker has specialised in research focusing on the experiences and outcomes for young people in and leaving care. Claire has worked in both academic and senior policy roles influencing legislative and policy change, and advancing research knowledge. She has published nationally and internationally. Dr Baker's work includes the seminal study, 'Pursuit of Permanence: A Study of the English Care System'. This remains the largest study to examining looked after children. She has been involved in the development of a care leaver survey which enables local authorities to measure the subjective wellbeing of young people (Coram Voice, Bright Spots programme). Dr Baker has extensive knowledge of the framework for looked after children and care leavers, strong links with local authorities and a track record for creating tools for practice (e.g. the 'Baker and Dixon' leaving care self-assessment framework). Claire is an independent consultant working with a range of university, government and voluntary sector partners.



Remi Martins-TonksHead of Data and Insight

Remi has spent the last 10 years working the field of economics and data analysis. He currently works as Head of Data and Insight at Barnardo's and responsible for improving the Charity's data capability. One of Remi's previous roles as Barnardo's Economist included undertaking work to bring greater transparency to the Charity's use of voluntary funds and resource allocation.





Lynn Perry MBEChief Executive of Barnardo's

Lynn Perry MBE is CEO at Barnardo's, the largest UK children's charity protecting, supporting and nurturing the UK's most vulnerable children. Last year more than 380,000 children, young people, parents and carers were supported by Barnardo's through nearly 800 services and partnerships across the 4-nations of the UK. Barnardo's has been providing support to children, young people and families since 1867 and today the strategic priorities for the charity focus on building Stronger Families, Safer Childhoods and Positive Futures. Lynn's focus is on ensuring a charity wide focus on the core mission of the charity to deliver better outcomes for more children. Lynn's career has been entirely focussed on work with children and young people and in her last substantive post as Corporate Director for Children's Services on Barnardo's Executive Leadership Team she had responsibility for Children's Services across the 4-nations of the UK, overseeing the development and delivery of around 800 services. This large and diverse portfolio of health and social care services is also focussed on partnership work, influencing policy and system change and responding to new and emergent vulnerabilities.

Before joining Barnardo's Lynn worked for The Children's Society and has worked in both Education Services and Youth Justice in Local Authorities and the Third Sector. Lynn was awarded an MBE for Services to Youth Justice in 2008.



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