

**COLCHESTER INSTITUTE**

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**CORPORATION BOARD**

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### **BRENDA BAKER**

Brenda is Centre Manager at the George Yard Shopping Centre in Braintree. She was appointed to the Board in December 2011 and is a member of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.



### **JOHN BAUGH BSc**

John has spent most of his career in architecture, running his own architectural design consultancy for thirty years. He also has a degree in Psychology and briefly taught this. He was elected as a local Braintree Councillor in 2007 for Bocking South ward and also as an Essex County Councillor in 2009, serving on the Children and Young People Policy and Scrutiny Committee. He is also Chair of the Braintree District Children's Centres Partnership and serves on local voluntary organisations.

John was nominated by Braintree District Council and appointed to the Board of Braintree College in June 2009 before becoming a transferring governor. He is a member of the Audit and Compliance Committee.



### **CHRISTOPHER BRIDGE LLB**

Until his early retirement Christopher Bridge was the Chief Executive North East Essex Mental Health NHS Trust for 10 years. He now undertakes some consultancy work for the World Health Organisation.

He has previously held senior National Health Service posts in London. Before joining the NHS, he worked for the BBC, and Rolls Royce Ltd.

Member of the Colchester Institute Governing Body since January 1990, Christopher was appointed Chairman of the Board with effect from 1 January 2012. He is a member of all the Board Committees except Audit and Compliance and Chairs the Search and Constitution Committee and the Senior Staff Remuneration Committee.



### **TONY FISHER MBA LLB**

With over twenty five years experience in the profession, Tony (together with David Jones) is one of the founding members of Fisher Jones Greenwood LLP solicitors. In addition to having general responsibility for the management of the firm (having taken an MBA in law firm management), he undertakes Company/Commercial and partnership work. He also advises charities. He has wide experience in mergers and acquisitions and drafting and negotiating commercial contracts.

Earlier in his career Tony also accumulated substantial experience of commercial and construction litigation including chancery work, and trained as a mediator with the ADR Group. He has a particular interest in ICT and has been a member of the editorial panel for the Software Solutions Guide (published annually by the Law Society of England and Wales) to the best legal software for a number of years. He is a member of a number of trade and business organisations including the Institute of Directors and the Union Internationale des Avocats.

Aside from his commercial work, Tony also undertakes international and domestic human rights work (mainly on a pro-bono basis) and has appeared as an advocate before both the European Commission and the European Court of Human Rights. He is a Fellow of the Human Rights Centre at the University of Essex, and Chair of the International Human Rights Committee of the Law Society of England and Wales. He is also a Director/Trustee of the Social Welfare Law Coalition, a charity which seeks sustainable ways to allow legal practitioners to continue to provide social welfare law services to vulnerable clients. Locally, he is also a trustee and company secretary to the Colchester and District Visual Arts Trust which is responsible jointly with others for the construction of a new £16.5m visual art centre in Colchester, and a Board member of the Colchester Institute.

Tony is a member of the Personnel Committee.



### **DAVID GASK BSc MSc ARCS**

Following a BSc in Physics and a MSc in Management Studies, David joined Ford Motor Company and worked in various areas of Product Development in England, Europe and the USA including Business Planning, Project Management and Engineering. Last position, and before taking early retirement, was Manager of Powertrain Engineering for small cars in Europe.

David is Chairman of Governors at Notley High School and Braintree 6<sup>th</sup> Form, which is one of the partner schools of the College at Braintree, and was a governor at Braintree College until the merger. David chairs the Quality and Standards Committee and is a member of the Search and Constitution and Senior Staff Remuneration Committees.



### **DAVID GRONLAND**

After serving a five year apprenticeship at Fuller Electric David held various engineering posts before setting up in partnership in 1982 as a motion control specialist distributor Micromech Ltd, later adding Micromech Systems Ltd to build motion control cabinets and equipment. The company, based in Braintree, is still going strong due to its specialist expertise, which is particularly required for defence and research projects.

David has previously been active in the local Braintree Chamber of Commerce as a committee member and Chairman and is currently a Director of Business Development Services (Enterprise Agency), a member of Braintree Business Council which also incorporates the Braintree Economic Development Partnership Board. He was appointed as a governor of Braintree College in March 2008, having previously served as a co-opted member of the College's Audit Committee, and joined the Colchester Institute Board following the merger with Braintree College. He is a member of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.



### **JON MANNING**

Jon was nominated by Colchester Borough Council and appointed to the Board in October 2010. He is a member of the Quality and Standards Committee.



### **RON MCKAY**

Ron has been a full time official of the construction union UCATT for 17 years with a particular interest in employment law issues. Ron comes from a construction and joinery background and was a Trustee of the Boulton & Paul Pension Scheme until he left to take up his present post.

Ron was appointed to the Board in February 2008. He is a member of the Personnel Committee and Audit and Compliance Committee.



### **PATRIK MINDER**

Patrik is MD of Patrik Minder Ltd trading as The Lemon Tree, The Lemon Tree Event Catering and The Lexden Crown. Patrik joined the Board in March 2007 and is a member of the Personnel Committee.



### **KEVIN PRINCE MA**

Kevin was Head Teacher of St Helena School, Colchester until his recent early retirement, a post he had held since September 2007. Prior to this Kevin has taught in South Essex and London. Kevin was appointed to the Board in January 2008. He became Vice Chairman in January 2012, is chair of the Personnel and Audit and Compliance Committees and a member of the Search and Constitution and Senior Staff Remuneration Committees .



### **GRAHAM RANDALL FCA**

Currently Assurance and Advisory Partner of PKF (UK) LLP and Partner-in-Charge of their Ipswich Office.

Graham, who also serves as a Governor of the Colchester County High School for Girls, joined the Board of the Institute in 2001. He chairs the Finance and General Purposes Committee.



### **RICHARD WAINWRIGHT**

Richard joined Midland Bank in 1979 and has been with the bank since that time (during which it was acquired by HSBC). During his career, Richard has covered most of the traditional banking roles - including branch manager - but has for the past 11 years predominantly worked with SME's as a Relationship Manager with responsibility for meeting their operational banking and financial needs.

For the majority of his career Richard has worked in London - predominantly the West End - but following a house move has worked locally in Colchester for the past two years.

Richard serves on the Audit and Compliance Committee.

## **STAFF MEMBERS**



### **TRISH ALFORD**

Trish was born in Birkenhead and has a working background in the NHS and Tourism. She served on the Board of Colne Housing and has been an Employment Tribunal Panellist since 2002 and was appointed Race panellist in 2008. Trish worked for the College of North East London and Norwich City College before taking up position at Colchester Institute in June 2003. Trish manages the Centre for Trade Union Studies which is a TUC centre delivering Trade Union Education to affiliates.

## **STUDENT MEMBERS**



### **GARY PARSON**

Gary is President of the Student Union and was appointed to the Board in December 2011. He is a member of the Quality and Standards Committee.

## **RUTH PERRY**

Ruth is Vice President of the Student Union and was appointed to the Board in October 2011. She is a member of the Quality and Standards Committee.

## **THE PRINCIPAL**



### **DANNY CLOUGH BSc (Econ) MA FCMI MCIPR FRSA**

The Principal serves on all the Board Committees except the Audit and Compliance Committee. Previously Principal and Chief Executive of Dunstable College, he assumed the role of Principal and Chief Executive of Colchester Institute from 1 November 2001. Over the last year he has become a key player at the Colchester Academy (Colchester Institute acting as its Lead Sponsor).