

OLoL Director Pen Portraits – as at Sept 2025

Mr Nigel Stevenson CPFA

Born in Nottingham, since 1989 Nigel has spent his professional accountancy career with Nottinghamshire County Council. Since 2014, he has been the Chief Finance Officer with the statutory responsibility for the overall financial administration of the Council and the Nottinghamshire LGPS. He also sits on a number of national bodies providing advice on local government finance. Though the covid-19 pandemic, Nigel chaired the financial resilience group of local council chief finance officers, including city and district/borough councils, coordinating the delivery of continuing local government services, supporting residents and the delivery of substantial government support to citizens and local businesses.

Nigel's successes include the establishment of a local mortgage scheme in Nottinghamshire, the implementation significant change management programmes, the creation of the Nottinghamshire Business Rates Pool and the creation of an FCA authorised company for the management of the pooled investments for 8 pension funds.

His experience includes finance, risk and insurance, investments, treasury management, Information Technology and the management of performance and transformation.

Nigel joined the Board of Directors as the OLOL CMAT was created and has been Chair of the Board since July 2021. Being a Ukrainian Greek Catholic, Nigel attends Our Lady of the Holy Patronage & St Albans Ukrainian Catholic Church, Nottingham. He also attends the Church of the Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe.

Sue Dryden

During her working life Sue had extensive senior experience in children and young people's health services with a proven record of successful leadership at service and strategic level. She had experience of influencing the development and implementation of policy at local and national level with the Department of Health, the Department for Education and the Royal College of Nursing.

Sue remains passionate about the health and well-being of children, young people and families and this is reflected in her non-executive roles at charities working in health and education.

Following her work overseas Sue is actively involved in her parish Cafod group.

Sue has strong family connections with the catholic schools in Nottinghamshire with her daughters being the latest attendees at the Becket School and she has chaired the PTA at both St Edmund Campion and The Becket.

Fr John Kyne

Fr John is a native of Mansfield and was appointed parish priest in his home church of St Philip Neri in May 2017, the church in which he was baptized and ordained. Immediately prior to studying for the priesthood, he worked as a Regional Organiser for one of Britain's largest trade unions, the GMB, and also served in his hometown as a member of Mansfield District Council. He has served in the Diocese in a number of capacities including the post of Diocesan Coordinator of School Chaplaincy. In this role he supported and promoted school chaplaincy throughout the Diocese. He has more than thirty years' experience of school governance and has chaired governing bodies at both primary and secondary level. He is a former director of the NRCDES.

Ann Neale MA

Ann Neale MA Ann has been involved in Catholic Education in Nottinghamshire for over forty years. Spending forty-two years at All Saints' School in Mansfield; first as a teacher then as a Head of Year and as a Professional Tutor working with Teaching and Learning, Gifted and Talented students, Trainee teachers, newly qualified teachers and staff mentoring. In addition, Ann has been a staff governor at All Saints' as well as a foundation governor at St Joseph's Primary School in Shirebrook where, as Chair for nine years, she helped to take the school from "satisfactory" when she began to Outstanding by the time she had to step down. She then worked as a governor in St Joseph's Primary School in Boughton before being asked first to act as one of our Members and then as a Foundation Director for the Our Lady of Lourdes Trust. Ann's roles as both a teacher and a governor have given her a great deal of insight into collaboration in schools and her MA dissertation was on "The impact of a soft federation on a school". As Ann reduced her teaching commitment, and eventually retired in 2019, she began to volunteer with CAFOD in the Diocese visiting schools throughout the diocese from Crowle and Cleethorpes in the north to Stamford and Loughborough in the south, Boston on the east and Burton-upon-Trent in the west. Ann is a very active member of her parish and the diocese, helping to run many courses in scripture and spirituality as well being the Director of Formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and an active Extraordinary Minister and is also the Nottinghamshire Secretary; actively arranging the annual Renewal Days . Ann is also a catechist in her parish being involved in children's liturgy, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA programmes. Ann is also Chair of her Local Patient Participation Group leading meetings and helping to arrange events.

Graham Green

Graham retired from working as the Finance Director of a local manufacturing business in 2017.

Having previously worked as an Accountant in Practice in Grimsby and Hull, Graham then moved into industry.

He is married with one grown up son, who lives in France.

A keen sports follower with links to a number of local sports clubs, whom Graham has been involved with over many years.

Graham is currently Chair the Finance & Estates Committee of the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust as well as being a Foundation Director.

Jennifer Johnson BA(Hons) MSc Chartered FCIPD PCEd Cert Ed

Originally from Doncaster, Jennifer attended the Convent Collegiate School from the age of 4 to 18. She then moved away and lived in various locations across the UK before relocating to Hong Kong, where she and her family lived for 11 years. In 1989, they returned to the UK and settled in Lincoln.

During her years of moving and raising children, she held a variety of jobs. Once settled in Lincoln, Jennifer transitioned into the education sector and taught at Lincoln College for several years, where she developed and led professional courses in Human Resource Management. In 2004, Jennifer joined the University of Lincoln, working within the Business School and delivering a range of postgraduate programmes. She left the University in 2013 to teach at a university in China for two years. After returning to the UK in 2015, she later returned to China in 2019 as a Foreign Expert.

Now that her globetrotting has come to an end, Jennifer is pleased to be involved with the Our Lady of Lourdes CMAT. While she does not bring experience from the school sector, she offers significant expertise in teaching within higher education.

Lisa Walton

Lisa's professional background is in education, originally as a teacher of Modern Foreign Languages but in school leadership since 2005 where she held her first school leadership post at Saint Benedict Catholic School in Derby as the Head of John Paul House. Based in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, Lisa currently works as a Deputy Chief Executive in a large multi-academy trust having gained wide experiences in school leadership including Headship and Executive Headship. Lisa joined Our Lady of Lourdes as a Director in 2023 having wanted to contribute more actively to leadership in Catholic Education. As a Director, Lisa currently serves on the HR & Pay and Standards sub-committees.

Lisa attended St. Mark's Catholic School in the London Borough of Hounslow which led her to read Modern Languages at The University of Sheffield. She has spent her entire career in schools in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, is married and has one child. She is a parishioner in the Parish of The Epiphany, Amber Valler and attends mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour in Belper, Derbyshire, where she supports young adults preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation.

Sarah Hallam

Born in Kent, Sarah moved to Lincoln in 2011. She has spent her professional life working in finance, moving through the ranks to influence at a regional level for Lloyds Banking Group. Her experience is in large people management, project management, change management, risk, customer outcomes, customer needs and customer experience. She has a speciality as a subject matter expert in the "Home" world being qualified to DipMAP level. Her university attendance came at a later time than most, attending Middlesex University whilst working to achieve a Post Graduate qualification in Retail Banking Services.

Sarah also leads Breakthrough the Network to support Women and their careers within Lloyds Banking Group for the Yorkshire and North East Area. As well as volunteering as a Google trained #IAmRemarkable Facilitator to help build confidence in others.

Sarah joined the Board of Directors in Jan 2024, and is currently the chair of the Audit & Risk Committee, as well as a member of the Finance & Estates Committee. Sarah is a parishioner at St Peter & St Paul Roman Catholic church, Lincoln, as well as a member of the Lincoln Deanery Choir.