

Symphony Learning Trust – Members Register of Business Interests

Name of Member	Name of Business / Organisation/Relationship	Nature of Business	Nature of Interest	Date of Appt. or Acquisition	Date of Cessation of Interest	Date of Entry
Bill Gilmour	Charnwood Probus Club	Secretary	Chair of SLT Members Trustee of SLT	05/11/19		05/11/19
			Charitable organisation/Secretarial	2014		01/09/16
Sue Clifton (nee Davis)	University of Leicester	Education	Member of SLT Responsibility for PGCE Students and placements	01/09/2016		01/09/2016 01/09/2016
Sally Cox	Retired Rushey Mead Trust	Education	Member of SLT Governor	01/09/2016 01/09/2016		01/09/2016 01/09/2016
Nigel Grimshaw	Retired NG Education Leics LA School advisor	Education	Member of SLT	27/10/20		27/10/20
Professor David Park	Professor University of Nottingham	Tertiary education	Member of SLT	15/3/21		15/3/21

Members and Trustees have certified to say that they have declared all beneficial interests which they or any person closely connected with them have with businesses or other organisations which may have dealings with the Trust.

Register of Business and Pecuniary Interests (Members)

General

To adhere to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, all LA funded establishments are required to maintain a register of business interests. The main purpose of maintaining a register is to ensure that the governors and staff not only act impartially, but are also seen to act impartially.

The Nolan Committee

In May 1996, the Nolan Committee published a report on standards in public life as applicable to local public spending bodies. The report identified seven principles which should be applied in public life. These are: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership. One important means by which a school may demonstrate that it is applying these principles is by maintaining a Register of Business Interests.

Register of Business Interests

The Members and Trustees have a responsibility to avoid any conflict between their business and personal interests and affairs and the interests of Symphony Learning Trust. A register of business interests must be maintained for all Members and Trustees, which must be freely available for inspection. OFSTED previously suggested that schools/academies maintain such a register but the change in legislation will mean they are likely to inspect it during their visit. Furthermore the register will be inspected during routine audit visits,

The register must include all business interests such as directorships, share holdings and other appointments of influence within a business or other organisation that may have dealings with Symphony Learning Trust. The disclosures should also include business interests of relatives and other individuals who may exert influence. Symphony Learning Trust should ensure the register is up to date and complete, includes all Members, Trustees and Local governors and in this regard signed and dated. Individual records must be maintained for each Member, Trustee and governor and where there are no business interests to declare a nil return should be kept.

It is recommended that an individual person be given responsibility to maintain a register on behalf of Symphony Learning Trust and formally present it to the Trustees on an annual basis. Details should be published on how to access the register (e.g. office hours, who to contact, etc.)

If a Member or Trustee is in any doubt about registering specific interests, the prudent approach would be to include the item on the register as a safety measure.