

Nick Hurn  
(Chair)



**Position:** Trustee

**Term of Office Start Date:** 01/10/2015

**Appointed by:** Member Appointed

**Term of Office End Date:** 30/09/2019

**Personal details:**

I started out as a teacher of Design and Technology in 1985, then became a Head of Department, published author, Deputy Head Teacher and was appointed as Head Teacher at Cardinal Hume Catholic School in Gateshead in 2005. As well as being Head Teacher at Cardinal Hume I was also Executive Head Teacher at St Robert of Newminster in Sunderland up until August 2015. Prior to this role at St Roberts I was Executive Head Teacher at St Wilfrid's RC College in South Tyneside between 2010 and 2013 taking the school out of Special Measures to 'Good' within 12 months. St Wilfrid's was judged to be Outstanding in February 2014. Cardinal Hume was awarded Teaching School status in March 2013 (The Trinity NE Partnership) with its key partners St Wilfrid's and St Roberts and also become part of the Trinity Catholic MAT this year.

My motivation and general philosophy behind my decision to join Ascent are built on ever improving standards of discipline, teaching and learning, and quality of leadership. As a CEO of the Trinity Trust, Head Teacher, National Leader in Education and school to school partner I have been able to offer advice, support and expertise based on my experience from many schools from a variety of backgrounds. I am committed to our partnership and believe that our schools working together within Ascent can achieve great things for their students.

**Key skill area:**

Teaching and Learning, Standards and Progress and Leadership and Management.

**Trustee responsibilities:**

Chair of Board of Trustees, Member of the Standards Committee, Member of the Appeals Committee.