

## Val Milnes



**Position:** Trustee

**Term of Office Start Date:** 31/07/2016

**Appointed by:** Member Appointed

**Term of Office End Date:** 30/07/2020

### **Personal details:**

Val is retired and has held various roles over a career spanning more than 45 years. She has worked in the private, public and charity sectors in finance, training management, human resource management, teaching, business education links, university lecturing and corporate social responsibility. Val volunteers for a number of organisations in addition to her position on the Ascent Academies Trust. They include a small charity that assists disabled and disadvantaged individuals to start their own businesses and Grace House, a respite facility for children with disabilities and life limiting illnesses. Val has been a school governor since 1988, serving on a number of governing bodies in the Durham and Sunderland areas in mainstream and special schools. She has been a Trustee of Ascent since its inception.

### **Key skill area:**

Val's qualifications are in business management, human resource management and teaching so she has a solid grounding in education, finance and business in general. Val's skills have been recognised locally, regionally and nationally through various awards. She is particularly proud of those awards that demonstrate her commitment to working with young people, having won the Business in the Community National Award for Excellence.

### **Trustee responsibilities:**

Member of Finance, Risk & Resources Committee, Link Trustee for Health & Safety