

ASCENT ACADEMIES' TRUST

Trustee Profile

Name:

Katie Stevens

Type of Trustee:

Trustee Appointed

Personal details:

I am a finance and audit professional with over 25 years of experience, working in both the public and private sector. I have a broad range of skills and knowledge from risk management to transformation, having worked around the world for multi-national corporations in various industries, including construction, consumer goods and professional services.

I am a Chartered Accountant and hold a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Warwick University.

I am also passionate about improving disability awareness and confidence, ensuring that people can thrive and be their true selves. This was illustrated through my role as Chair of the Disability Employee Support Network for Network Rail and founding a public company's Diversity & Inclusion Committee.

I am currently a Trustee for SMART, a Multi Academy Trust based in Newcastle upon Tyne, dedicated to providing a high quality, bespoke education to help every child learn, be happy and ultimately successful in life.

I am committed to supporting our local communities and enabling individuals to fulfil their potential no matter what their circumstances. I hope that by sharing my diverse personal and work experience and wealth of expertise I can support the Trust and its Executive in delivering its goals for their students.

Key Skill area:

Internal and external audit; financial reporting; risk management; transformation and business change delivery; project management; mergers and acquisitions; corporate governance; strategy planning and delivery; diversity and inclusion lead and stakeholder engagement.

Trustee Responsibilities:

Member of Finance, Risk & Resources Committee