

UN Women UK National Committee Trustees – February 2017



Laura Haynes

Chair

Laura is the founder and Chair of Appetite, an award winning strategic brand consulting firm, where her experience includes over 25 years helping organisations to embrace change, build and enhance culture and expand potential. This led Laura to develop the new brand-led approach to building sustainability in every organisation through “Business, on Purpose”, an Appetite initiative.

In addition to being Chair of UN Women National Committee UK, Laura is also a Director of FutureLondon Enterprises, a member of the Parliamentary Design Commission, a Fellow at the Royal Society of Arts (UK) and the Marketing Society (UK). Laura has previously held the position of Board Trustee of The Legacy List, set up in 2011 by Mayor Boris Johnson to support the legacy of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games; a Board Director of ArtsCommons, formerly Epcor Centre for the Performing Arts, Chair of Alberta Ballet (Canada), and the President of the DBA, the UK design industry trade association.



Karen Parker

Vice Chair

Karen is an executive coach and mentor. She utilises her substantive experience as a senior international director with an exceptional track record as a leader and trusted advisor within the Financial Services, Luxury Brands and Pharmaceutical sectors. Having operated globally, in publicly traded and private companies, Karen has successfully collaborated with CEO's, executive and non-executive teams to lead significant global business transformation programmes.

With a specialist HR background, Karen has operated as a broad based, commercially savvy leader, achieving business growth in complex organisations where talent is critical to business success. Driving strategic, organisational and cultural change whilst retaining key talent is a core strength. Karen has influenced the successful development of a range of organisations through building exceptional relationships with leadership teams – coaching, advising and guiding on strategy, structure, people and performance. Karen has also consistently championed the role of women in business through her tenure as Chairman of Credit Suisse's European Women's Network as well as through sponsorship of a broad range of diversity and inclusion programmes in each of the organisations she has worked within.



Helen Everitt

Company Secretary

Helen is head of Macquarie Group's Corporate Governance team in London. She and her team are responsible for board/committee support, corporate governance and entity lifecycle management of 150+ subsidiaries across multiple jurisdictions. Helen is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators and has worked in the company secretarial field for over twelve years. She is keen to increase her ongoing charitable activities and volunteers her time on the committee of St Neots Town Youth FC, as registration secretary. Helen has a BSc (Hons) in Economics and Finance from York University and a Diploma in Psychology from the Open University.



Shirley Cooper

Treasurer

Shirley is a business leader with extensive financial, commercial and operational experience gained in a variety of organisations. Shirley is the Commercial Director for Tapestry, a global law firm specialising in global HR. In addition to Director of Client Development at Lorien Resourcing a specialist IT recruitment consultancy. Previously, a director with services and solutions provider, Computacenter for 12 years with a remit to lead the divisions for procuring products for resale and indirect spend, supply chain, technical engineering and quality. Before joining Computacenter Shirley held a number of senior financial positions at Yorkshire Water, Leeds Hospitals and Allied Domecq.

Since 1995, Shirley has also held numerous non-executive positions. Starting with Regional Chairman of NETWORK. In 1996 was appointed by the Lord Chancellor as a General Commissioner of Income Tax. In addition, finance director for Opp2K and auditor for many charities. In 2005 Shirley was invited to join the Board of Management and Council for the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply (CIPS). Shirley was appointed Chairman of the Board in 2008 and President in 2010. Initiated and Chaired their first Remuneration Committee. Initiated and Chairs the Fellowship Club. Shirley Chairs a JV for Hertfordshire University and is a Board member and Treasurer of International Women's Forum. Shirley is Co-founder and President of Blueprint Club, with 250 members, supporting women in procurement. In addition to being on the Global Advisory Board and European Board of WE Connect International having been their Executive Director for Europe for 18 months.

Having qualified as an accountant she went on to gain an MBA and is now a fellow of not only CIMA but also CIPS, RSA and CILT. She is a freeman of the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists.



Helen Dickens

Trustee

Helen was co-opted to the Board in early 2014 for her fundraising expertise, and was subsequently elected at the AGM. She has 10 years' experience in the UK charity sector, in fundraising, campaigning and communications roles, and an MA in Conflict, Security and Development from King's College London. Helen works at Diabetes UK, leading their strategy on the prevention of Type 2 diabetes, and volunteers as a trustee at Otesha, a Hackney-based charity that engages young people in environmental and sustainability issues. She is passionate about the role of charities in bringing together volunteers and supporters in a common cause. Helen believes that UN Women UK has the potential to become a leading voice in the UK on the issues facing women and girls, not least because of the power and enthusiasm of the current membership. In her time on the Board she has contributed to the development of the new fundraising strategy, and her breadth of experience has complemented the skills of other Board members.



Barbara Cleary

Trustee

Barbara is an HR specialist with wide ranging management and human resources experience in the public and voluntary sectors. Previously a Director of Equalities and Human Resources in a London local authority, she established her own consultancy, Headstart, with a focus on building and developing workforces to achieve effective service delivery. With over 20 years' senior management experience she has delivered on a variety of change management programmes, achieving cultural and organisational change; and developed HR services that best fit each organisation. She has an extensive track record of building teams, developing managers and fostering leadership potential.

In her professional work, Barbara has actively led and championed diversity issues in the workplace, in particular, initiatives supporting women to develop and progress their careers. She has experience of managing significant teams and budgets.

Barbara is passionate about women's rights and development and economic empowerment, and joined UN Women because she believes in its potential to bring about change and improve the lives of women. As a trustee on the Board she leads the Outreach Team. Barbara is a Trustee and Vice Chair of the National Alliance of Women's Organisations (NAWO), a member of the UK Joint Committee on Women (UKJCW) and represents UKJCW on the European Women's Lobby (EWL) Board. She is a member of the EWL Executive Committee.



Charles (Chuck) Stephens

Trustee

Chuck is a recognised leader in Diversity and Inclusion (D&I). Leveraging more than a dozen years of experience, building, deploying and managing D&I practices, Chuck delivers measurable, business-focused solutions that meet the demands of complex organisations. He has guided some of the world's largest companies in addressing their D&I challenges while increasing their eminence as diversity leaders. He has deep experience establishing and governing broad-based D&I practices that are tailored to the needs of individual business units while leveraging knowledge across the organisation. It is because of this experience that the larger D&I community - comprising not-for-profits, government agencies, and commercial organisations - acknowledges him as a thorough and practiced leader.

Previously at Barclays, he drove their global strategy and delivery around talent attraction, development, and advancement, relative to Gender and their Global Functions businesses. Currently, he leads Diversity & Inclusion for Google in EMEA.



Nuala Walsh

Trustee

Nuala is a former management consultant and strategic marketing expert with a 22-year track record of globalising companies, effecting transformational change and revitalising corporate brands and cultures. This has been mainly for investment banking and asset management firms where she set integrated, long-term strategies and delivered sustained growth across all market cycles for various firms. Throughout her career, she has operated extensively in EMEA, Americas, Asia, Africa and Australia and is now the recipient of a dozen industry Marketing, Brand and Client awards for Excellence and Innovation. For several years, she was also a Board Member of ActionAid Ireland, a charity focused on the alleviation of Third World poverty and the restoration of human rights where she advised on resource allocation and fund-raising strategy.

Nuala is currently Head of Global Marketing and Relationship Management at Standard Life Investments where she is responsible for protecting and growing client assets of \$500bn as well as managing corporate reputation globally. She is a regular strategic advisor to the Board on matters of corporate transactions, global distribution, communications, organisation culture and governance. She chairs several sub-committees and is a member of multiple executive committees which govern P&L and mandate codes of practice to uphold stewardship principles and regulatory obligations. Prior to this she held multiple Sales, Marketing, Finance Technology and Strategy roles with Blackrock and Merrill Lynch. As a consultant, she has advised many companies industrywide and spent a year working for the World Bank in Africa. Nuala has broad Ivy-league Executive training and 1st-class academics, with a Masters in Business Studies and a BA from Trinity College Dublin.



Ann McKechin

Trustee

Ann is currently the Head of Corporate Social Responsibility for the Scottish Power business group and is responsible for their reputation and stakeholder management and oversees the management of the Scottish Power charities and their sponsorship programme. She has recently been appointed to the Court of the University of the West of Scotland.

After graduating in law, she pursued a legal career as a solicitor in the private sector and was a partner with Pacitti Jones, Solicitors in Glasgow for ten years until 2000. In 2001 she was elected as the Member of Parliament for the former Glasgow Maryhill seat and from 2005 to 2015 represented the Glasgow North constituency. During her parliamentary career, she served on a number of select committees including Scottish Affairs, International Development, Arms Export Control and latterly on the Business, Innovations & Skills committee. Between 2008 and 2010 she held ministerial office as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State in the Scotland Office and from 2010 to 2011 was Shadow Secretary of State for Scotland in the Labour Shadow Cabinet.

Ann has a keen interest in international affairs and from 2012 to 2015 was Vice Chair of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy which supports work in emerging democracies across the world. She has also served on both the World Trade Organisation Parliamentary Assembly and the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.



Sula Bruce

Interim Executive Director

Sula Bruce was Director of The Aid and International Development Forum (AIDF), bringing together UN, NGO, Government and business sectors to address humanitarian aid, relief and development with a view to building greater effectiveness within the sector.

She was also Head of Operations for Climate Action, working in partnership with UN Environment (UNEP) to engage the corporate sector in addressing climate issues with functional solutions alongside civil society, public sector and intergovernmental organisations. Sula is part of GarfieldBruce, delivering executive coaching, training and facilitation.

An APMP qualified Project Manager, and a strong believer in cross-sector collaboration, Sula has extensive experience of strategic planning, partnership generation and relationship management, events and business development, consistently engaging with a wide range of stakeholders and cultures. Sula is passionate about the work of UN Women and the opportunity to make a tangible difference to the lives of women and girls around the world.



Eniola Aluko

Volunteer Champion

Eniola Aluko is a woman who proves anything is possible. Eniola Aluko is the Chelsea and England professional women's footballer with a First-class degree in Law.

Her playing career started aged 14, when Eniola began playing for both Birmingham City ladies and the England national team. Her skill and talent was apparent early on and she quickly gained promotion to the women's premier division with Birmingham in 2001-2002 and subsequently scored the winning goal in the FA cup final for Charlton in 2005.

Off the pitch, Eniola's success continued with achievements and awards, which include Young player of the year in 2003, the Brunel University award for best overall mark and graduating student and an award for outstanding achievement in sport, received from Her Majesty the Queen in 2006.

Eniola's legal career has led her to assist in negotiating contracts and commercial rights on behalf of the likes of David Beckham, One Direction and singer Jessie J. Eniola qualified as a Sports and Entertainment solicitor in December 2014 and continues to balance her legal career in a consultancy capacity with a career in professional football.

Eniola continues to break the mould in the Media as the first ever female football pundit to appear on Match of the Day on 28th September 2014 and recently made history as the first female football pundit for the ITV highlights shows during the 2016 men's European championships in France. She recently featured as a guest editor on Women's hour with other remarkable women including Angelina Jolie-Pitt.

Eniola is passionate about health and wellbeing, self-image, confidence and equality of opportunity for girls and women all over the world and has delivered keynote speeches at diversity and women's networks of corporate organisations such as Nomura Bank, Avon and Slaughter and May law firm. She continues to work as a Chelsea FC club ambassador to engage with youth in local communities in London using the power of football.