

My name is Stephen Holland, I have been a school governor for a range of schools for over twenty years. I entered the world of education twenty eight years ago after a thirteen year career in management, design and marketing. I have lived in the Shalfleet and Yarmouth community for over twenty five years. My son has a local business and my grandson attended Yarmouth Primary School. My partner is a secondary education deputy headteacher and has also worked in the primary sector. We both take a keen and broad interest in education through our professional work and our grandchildren. We are both keen sailors and fully enjoy and value the quality of life in the West Wight.

I have undertaken a range of teaching and management roles in schools up to and including acting headteacher and more recently, mentoring and supporting new headteachers and deputy headteachers on the Island on behalf of HIAS (Hampshire Inspectorate and Advisory Service). Since recently retiring, I have still continued in this role on a consultancy basis. I am also a member of the executive team for the Isle of Wight Branch of the Association of Headteachers and School Leaders (NAHT).

Through my interest in the local community, my knowledge of the world of education and a real passion for preparing children for their teenage years and on to a fulfilling adult life I felt that it was important to put these aspects to good use and become a co-opted governor for the Federation.