GALLEYWALL PRIMARY
CITY OF LONDON ACADEMY

LOCAL BOARD MEMBERSHIP

	Christopher Cook, Chair of Local Board, Appointed by City of London Christopher has a strong commitment to education, social mobility and improving the lives of young people. He studied law at the University of Cambridge before qualifying as a solicitor and now works at a leading international law firm advising clients on complex legal, governance and charitable matters. Christopher is passionate about supporting schools to provide every pupil with the opportunity to thrive, regardless of background. Having been educated at non-fee-paying state schools, he has a particular interest in widening opportunity and helping young people realise their potential. He previously served as a governor at a school in Tower Hamlets, where he gained first-hand experience of school governance, strategic oversight and the importance of strong leadership in education. He is keen to continue contributing his legal, governance and professional experience to support Galleywall pupils and the wider community. **Term: 4 years expiring 1 September 2030**

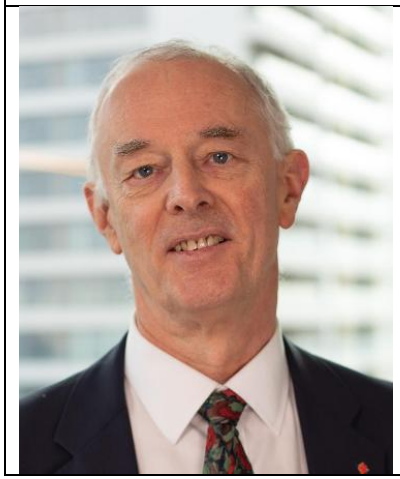
Dmitry Lysenko, Vice Chair, Appointed by City of London

Dmitry has extensive expertise in auditing, corporate valuation, mergers and acquisitions, restructuring, and private markets. His career began at Deloitte LLP, where he oversaw audit and assurance engagements for large and complex financial institutions, namely Lloyds Banking Group, TP ICAP, Pepper Group, Mitsubishi Corporation Finance, DF Capital, Shareworks by Morgan Stanley, Glencore Agriculture, IBRC and BSN Capital.

Dmitry is an Associate Chartered Accountant, and he holds an MBA from Saïd Business School, University of Oxford, an MSc in Management (Dean's List) from University College London, and a BSc in Economics from London School of Economics and Political Science.

Beyond his professional activities, Dmitry is actively committed to education in the City. He serves as an Apprentice Master at the Worshipful Company of Joiners & Ceilers and a Sub-Committee's Board Member of the Guild of Young Freemen.

Term: 4 years expiring 31 August 2028

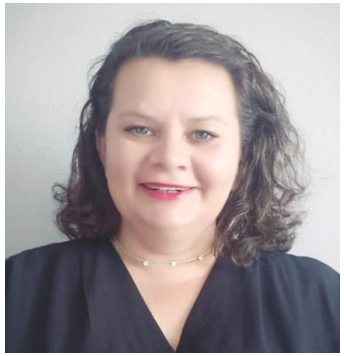


Anthony Smyth, Safeguarding Governor, Appointed by City of London

Antony has been a City of London Academy Trust school governor since 2012. He was a founding governor through the development of Galleywall Primary School and presented the school to the Ofsted inspectors in 2019. In the City's Southwark schools, he has chaired the Finance and Curriculum committees, then was the Chair of Governors in the secondary school (CoLA) from 2017 to 2020. Antony helped manage the sixth form building project, and was the sponsor governor for the Basketball Academy. He currently chairs the steering committee for the City's Apprenticeship Academy.

Antony's professional work was as a Vice Chair in the accounting and consulting firm Ernst & Young, based in Southwark and Canary Wharf. His role included graduate recruitment. He completed a tailoring apprenticeship in 1977. After university he qualified as an accountant in New Zealand, and also in the USA. He taught undergraduate and post graduate technology and systems courses at the University of Toronto for four years.

Term: 4 years expiring 18 March 2028

	Alice Malivoire, SEN Governor, Appointed by City of London Alice is currently Innovation and Fundraising Manager at Challenge Partners, leading on the development of new programmes to benefit our network of schools and trusts while also fostering relationships with trusts, foundations and corporates keen to support our vital work in the education sector. She is passionate about social justice and tackling systemic disadvantage in the education sector. Alice holds an MSc in Global Economic Governance and Policy from SOAS and a BSc in Economics (International) from the University of Leeds. Between her degrees, she spent three years working as a teacher in China. **Term: 4 years expiring 31 August 2028**
	**Anna Akitoye, Parent Governor** Anna is a parent of one child attending Galleywall (and another who left two years ago) and has been involved with the school even before they joined, as it is in her immediate neighbourhood. Originally from Poland, Anna has lived in the UK for 19 years. Her career has been dedicated to healthcare, with the last 15 years spent in the Estates and Facilities Department of the local NHS Trust. At Galleywall, we believe in a just and open society, free from prejudice. Anna is deeply committed to these values and strives to ensure that all children and families feel welcome and valued. Anna says that, as a parent governor, her goal is to support the school in maintaining a nurturing and inclusive environment that fosters educational and personal growth for every student. She is eager to collaborate with the school staff, fellow governors, and parents to achieve this mission. **Term: 4 years expiring 7 June 2027**
	David Sales, Appointed by City of London David is a Chartered Insurance Broker and has worked in the London insurance market since leaving school. He specialises in the aviation sector of the industry and is a Certified Aviation Insurance Professional (CAIP). David is also a past President of the Aviation Insurance Association (AIA). During his career, David has held several Senior Executive roles in the insurance business. Currently, David is an Executive Director of Price Forbes. David had the honour of being installed as Master of the Worshipful Company of Insurers in October 2020. He is also Senior Vice President of the Aldgate Ward Club. **Term: 4 years expiring 31 August 2028**

	Thanos Bikakis, Appointed by City of London Thanos is an investment professional with four years' experience working in the City of London. Alongside his professional experience as an investment professional, Thanos has also published academic research and holds a Masters in Finance from the University of Cambridge. His research focuses on the impact of climate change on the UK mortgage market, in particular the risks posed to property and the wider economy by increased flooding. Thanos is a Freeman of the City and Worshipful Company of International Bankers, where he acts as Secretary for the Charities & Education committee. Outside his professional interests, Thanos is an avid cricket and squash enthusiast. **Term: 4 years expiring 31 August 2028**
	Theodora Anah, Appointed by City of London Theodora's experience spans finance, entrepreneurship, and childcare lawyer. She brings to bear 17 years of banking experience in Nigeria, 6 years of business entrepreneurial experience, and 9 years of childcare legal experience. She is currently a senior childcare lawyer with a local authority giving advice to the social work team in respect to all aspects of safeguarding for children from birth to age 17 years. As a childcare lawyer, she is uniquely qualified to blend her professional expertise with a commitment to children's welfare. As a resident of Bermondsey, Theodora is keen to contribute positively towards the continued growth of Galleywall Primary. **Term: 4 years expiring 31 August 2030**
	Christina (Isha) Kamara, Staff Governor Isha is proud to serve as Staff Governor and has worked at Galleywall since 2022 as a Teaching Assistant, with 10 years' experience in education. She holds a BA (Hons) in Education Studies, is proud of her Sierra Leone heritage, and is fluent in Krio. She is passionate about making learning interactive, fun and engaging, while creating a safe and inclusive environment where every child feels supported and no-one is left out. She strives to have a positive impact by being kind, caring, empathetic and passionate. Isha is proud to advocate for neurodiversity, something she relates to personally and holds close to her heart. She runs a KS1 art club, encouraging creativity and confidence. As Staff Governor, she is keen to contribute positively and share her views to support both staff and students. **Term: 4 years expiring 31 March 2030**

	Leonie Bellio, Parent Governor Leonie is a registered nurse with over ten years of experience in healthcare, including school nursing, clinical leadership and safeguarding. She currently works in a senior clinical leadership role, with a strong commitment to promoting wellbeing, inclusion and positive outcomes for children and families. Alongside her nursing career, Leonie is the Co-Founder and Director of ClearView Research, a research consultancy dedicated to amplifying the voices of under-represented communities and promoting meaningful engagement. She has also served as a board member for Bite Back, a youth-led charity campaigning for healthier food environments and better access to nutritious food for children and young people. Leonie looks forward to bringing both her professional experience and perspective as a parent to the Governing Board, while supporting the continued growth and success of the school. **Term: 4 years expiring 1 November 2030**
	Barbara Reichwein, Trust-Appointed Local Board Member, former Parent Governor Barbara's career is in tackling social justice issues. She brings 20 years of senior leadership experience across health, philanthropy, charities and social enterprises. Currently, she leads grant-making as a Programme Director at Guy's and St Thomas' Foundation. Previously, she supported healthcare in Africa and Asia and young people's education in the Middle East and in Latin America. In her spare time, she is a passionate Londoner and admirer of all the great things our city offers. Bermondsey is her family's chosen home and Galleywall her long-term school. Her son is in Year 5 and her daughter is in Year 1. Barbara expects to be part of the Galleywall family for years to come.
	Martin Blain, Headteacher, Ex-officio **Mel Aitken, Clerk** **E-mail: maitken@cityacademy.co.uk** **Karen Monaghan, Clerk**