



The Church of England is launching its Foundation for Educational Leadership on Saturday 4th February with a national conference.



The Church of England Foundation for Educational Leadership will provide leadership development training for those holding key roles in education, and is a major intervention by the Church in the education sector.

In advance of the launch, it has announced the names of the four trustees of the new charity:

- Professor Joy Carter DL (Chair); Vice-Chancellor of Winchester University
- The Revd Nigel Genders; Chief Education Officer for the Church of England
- The Rt Revd Rachel Treweek; Bishop of Gloucester
- Professor Bill Lucas; Acclaimed researcher and writer about education and learning

Speaking about the new trustees the Foundation's Director, James Townsend, said: *"We are thrilled that the work of the Foundation for Educational Leadership will be supported by an experienced and visionary Board of Trustees, reflecting a powerful partnership between dioceses, universities and school leaders.*

*"I am looking forward to working with Joy, Nigel, Bishop Rachel and Bill as we seek to ensure that all leaders in education have access to the very highest quality leadership development - especially those serving pupils in rural and disadvantaged areas."*

The Chair of Trustees, Professor Joy Carter, said: "The next few years will be an important time for our education system as we equip a new generation of young people to shape the values and priorities of our society, and contribute meaningfully to a complex and globalised world.

"To do this, we need to ensure our leaders in schools, Multi-Academy Trusts and diocesan education teams are fully supported in their development. The Board is committed to ensuring the success of the Foundation for Educational Leadership in doing so."

Further trustees will be recruited to the Foundation in due course.

Trustees:

## **Professor Joy Carter DL**

Professor Joy Carter was appointed as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Winchester in April 2006.

Professor Carter is an academic with research in the field of Environmental Geochemistry and Health and has served for many years as President of the International Society in her field. Professor Carter has published over 100 articles and has edited/contributed to nine books, book chapters, editorials and edited thematic sets.

Professor Carter is the current Chair of [GuildHE](#), one of the two formal representative groups in the Higher Education sector, is a [previous](#) Chair

of the [Cathedrals Group of Universities](#) and served for many years served on the Universities UK Board.

As an ambassador for skills and vocational learning, Professor Carter chaired the [University Vocational Awards Council](#) (UVAC) for six years.

Professor Carter also chairs the [Supporting Professionalism in Admissions Steering Group](#) (SPA) and the [National Governing Body for England Squash](#), and is a Board member of the [Universities and Colleges Admissions Service](#) (UCAS) and the [Quality Assurance Agency](#) (QAA).

In 2013, Professor Carter was invited to become a representative of the Lord Lieutenant and is now a Deputy Lieutenant for the county of Hampshire.

Professor Carter is passionate about social justice and all aspects of equality and has a particular interest in widening participation, sustainability and animal welfare. She is currently Patron of six local and national charities.

## **The Revd Nigel Genders**

The Revd Nigel Genders is the Church of England's Chief Education Officer and has lead responsibility for the development of the Church's national strategies and policies for education in schools, colleges and universities.

Nigel's role in education has developed throughout 24 years of ordained ministry working in schools and parishes. His previous roles include being Director of Education for Canterbury Diocese from 2008 to 2012, Head of School Policy for the Church of England from 2012 to 2014 and has been Chief Education Officer since September 2014.

## **The Rt Revd Rachel Treweek**

Bishop Rachel has made history with a number of firsts: When she became the first female diocesan bishop in the Church of England and when she became the first female bishop in the House of Lords.

She was consecrated as the 41st Bishop of Gloucester at Canterbury Cathedral in July 2015 and formally began her new role in September 2015. She entered the House of Lords in October 2015.

The Right Revd Rachel Treweek began her life in ordained ministry in 1994, after training at Wycliffe Hall in Oxford. She served her title at St George & All Saints, Tufnell Park before becoming Vicar of St James the Less, Bethnal Green in 1999. During her time in Bethnal Green she also served as CME Officer and Bishop's Visitor in the Stepney Area. She was appointed as Archdeacon of Northolt in 2006, serving in that role for five years, before becoming Archdeacon of Hackney in July 2011.

Bishop Rachel was brought up in Hertfordshire and was educated at Broxbourne School. She trained as a Speech and Language Therapist at Reading University where she gained a BA in Linguistics and Language Pathology. She worked as a Paediatric Speech and Language Therapist within the NHS and served on the Child Development Team at the Royal Free Hospital before becoming the Clinical Manager for Paediatric Speech and Language Therapists in Health Centres across three north London health authorities.

## Professor Bill Lucas

Bill Lucas is Professor of Learning and Director of the Centre for Real-World Learning at the University of Winchester. Bill is an authority on creativity, character, pedagogy, parental engagement and leadership.

In addition to his work at the University of Winchester, Bill is an international adviser to the Mitchell Foundation in Melbourne, a trustee of The English Project, and, with Philip Pullman, a patron of the Pegasus Theatre in Oxford. His acclaimed five-dimensional model for creativity is the stimulus for a fourteen country study coordinated by the OECD which began in 2015. Bill is currently advising the Department of Education in Victoria and the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority on the implementation of their capabilities curriculum.

Bill is known internationally as a speaker and travels extensively to present keynote addresses, most recently in Melbourne, Sydney, Philadelphia, Copenhagen, Helsinki, Qatar, Melbourne, Auckland, Belfast, and Dubai. He is a prolific writer, and has authored and co-authored over forty books and many research reports. Bill's most recent book, written with Guy Claxton, *Educating Ruby: what our children really need to learn* which asks some challenging questions of the current education system. Bill is the co-creator of one of the biggest teacher researcher groups in the world: the Expansive Education Network - [www.expansiveeducation.net](http://www.expansiveeducation.net) - whose underpinning ideas are also featured in his book, published by ACER - *Expansive Education: teaching learners for the real world*.

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