



Our People

Chief Executive

Arvinda Gohil

Arvinda has worked in the not for profit, social enterprise and charitable sector all of her working life. Arvinda was previously Chief Executive of Emmaus UK, where she led the introduction of social investment to member organisations and prior to this, ran her own consultancy for five years, specialising in governance, leadership and equality. Previous roles include Membership Services Director at the National Housing Federation; Assistant Director for Regulation at the Housing Corporation, building capacity with communities in South Africa delivering affordable housing and Chief Executive of two Housing Associations in England.

Arvinda has led Community Links through a period of rapid change overseeing a new and unique partnership with social business Catch22, creating a community based organisation fit for the 21st century

Our Board of Trustees

Steve Wyler (Chair)

Steve was Chief Executive of the Development Trusts Association. He led this through a merger with Bassac to form Locality - the national umbrella organisation enabling, championing and representing organisations like Community Links. Steve is an expert on social enterprise and social investment, and is currently an independent advisor and writer in the field of social change and innovation.

Alan Lazarus (Treasurer)

Alan is Director of Regulatory Affairs at Openreach and is the current Treasurer of the Board. Alan has worked for the BT Group for over 30 years and brings extensive expertise in regulation, governance, strategy and finance. He has been a local councillor and has served as a trustee on a wide range of voluntary bodies.

Babu Bhattacharjee

Babu is Director of Communities & Neighbourhoods at Poplar Harca and has over 20 years experience working for a range of community, voluntary and regeneration organisations in London and Manchester. Babu is also a school governor for Ian Mikardo School - a day school for boys with severe and complex social, emotional and behavioural difficulties.

Radhika Bynon

Radhika is Director of Communities and Places at The Young Foundation where she leads on social innovation and community-led change. Radhika worked with Community Links in 2008, supporting the Labour Government's Council for Social Action. She is also involved in a number of local community activities including Forest Gate Festival and is a trustee of Education Links, an alternative provision school founded by Community Links.

Gill Budd

Gill is Director of Governance, Legal and Compliance at Teach First and brings expertise in risk, governance, contracting and legal issues. Gill's background is in law; she qualified as a solicitor with City law firm, Slaughter and May and then became an in-house lawyer with Cadbury Schweppes. She moved into the charity sector in 2008 with roles at children's charities, Save the Children UK and Plan International. She is also a Trustee of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health and of Hampstead Theatre and was a Trustee of Blenheim CDP for 6 years.

Javid Cante

Javid is Group Financial Controller at CLS Group and brings high-level skills in finance, internal audit and financial risk. Javid has over 25 years of experience in the finance sector, working for Cohen Arnold, KPMG, Barclays Bank, UBS and now CLS Group. He has previously been Trustee of the Contemporary Art Society and The British Postal Museum & Archive.

Chris Wright

Chris is Chief Executive of Catch22 and its representative on the Board. Chris originally trained as a probation officer and in 1999 established Nottingham's first multi-agency Youth Offending Team. From there he moved to the Youth Justice Board as Head of Performance. Chris is an advocate for the social enterprise sector playing a key role in the delivery of public services. As a result, Catch22 is known both for its innovative and collaborative approach to justice, education, employability and social care.