

# TELFORD RACE, EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2009

### DIRECTORS (Full Voting Board Members)

#### **Jack Collier**

*Jack is a former Corporate Director for Social Services in Shropshire County Council before taking early retirement in 2007. He has been a volunteer with TREDP since April 2008 and became Treasurer in October 2008. He has played an active role in race equality organisations locally in the past.*

#### **Kuldip Singh, Telford Cultural and Leisure Centre**

*Kuldip was born and raised in Hadley and has lived in Telford all his life except the 3 years spent studying engineering at university. He currently works in telecommunications. He has seen many changes and remembers the first Sikh Temple starting up at the site of the old Hadley Junior School in the early 1970s. He was a founder member of the Telford Cultural and Leisure Centre in 1991 and stayed as a committee member until 2000. Having lived in Hadley for 32 years he appreciates the diversity of Telford and has friends from all facets of society. At university, he was President of the Asian Cultural Society and apart from the jolly activities associated with student societies, also took an interest in Student Union Politics and worked closely with other societies to ensure minority interests were represented.*

#### **Verley Brissett, Telford West Indian Association**

*Verley has lived in Telford for over 30 years and has been very much involved in youth work across the Borough during this time. At present he is the Youth Development Worker for the Borough's Youth Service. He covers Wellington, Dothill, Shawbirch, Admaston Community and is based in the Charlton School. He also works in the BRJ School. He is a graduate in Youth and Community Studies. He is one of the founders and current Chair of the Telford West Indian Association for the last 6 years and very involved with the local community. In his work with RED Partnership over the past two years he has enjoyed working with people from across different ethnic backgrounds.*

#### **Huili Townson, UK Telford Chinese School**

*Huili has worked at Telford Chinese School since 1998. She has promoted Chinese Culture, cohesion amongst different communities over the last ten years by organizing and providing various cultural activities, events and language classes. Her current role is the Deputy Head of Chinese School.*

### **Olivia Somuah, Telford African Welfare Association**

*Olivia formed the Telford African Welfare Association in April 2002 to give support and advice to African communities. She was also involved in the initial sexual health survey or assessment in the African communities in Telford, which led to the opening of Terrence Higgins Trust in Telford. Olivia was one of the founding members of TREDP, in fact a key member and also a key member of Connecting Communities group and Abolition of Slavery Trade group.*

*Prior to moving to Telford, she was a member of the Broadwater Farm Residents' Association in London district of Haringey. I served to the rank of a vice chair, also served on 13 committees across London for 14 years. I was involved with the Government initiative for Neighbourhood Renewal and Teenage Pregnancy. I have received awards for my involvement in community issues including the International Unsound Women's Award, an award from the Mayor of Haringey.*

### **Paul Birch, Wrekin Housing Trust**

*Paul has worked for The Wrekin Housing Trust since 1999, originally in the role of Human Resources Consultant. In 2003 the Trust realised the importance of the diversity agenda and the fundamental impact it has on the employment of people and the delivery of services.*

*Paul was appointed to this new position of Diversity Manager in the summer of 2003. He is responsible for not only the equalities and diversity agenda in employment but also in service delivery. Paul's role is to ensure that the Trust develops its reputation for being an organisation of choice that delivers on equality and diversity issues in all aspects of its work.*

*Paul is a Chartered member of the Institute of Personnel & Development and an associate member of the Chartered Institute of Housing.*

### **Mick Lloyd, Telford and Wrekin CVS**

*Mick has been the Director of Telford and Wrekin CVS for two years. Prior to this he has worked for many years in the voluntary sector including National Children's Home (NCH). He has a range of management experience which he has brought to his current post and the work of the partnership. The CVS currently hosts the staff of the Partnership and has played a key role in helping secure the funds for the Partnership staff and services.*

### **Jason Wells, West Mercia Police**

*Jason has been a police officer with West Mercia Police since 1993. He started his career in Shropshire Division where he worked as a detective officer and uniformed officer and his last two years at Shropshire were in the Public Protection Unit where his responsibilities included management of child protection, domestic abuse and Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA). Jason was promoted to his current role as Chief Inspector Local Policing for Telford and Wrekin Division in May 2009. His responsibilities include Local Policing (Local Police Officers and Community Support Officers across the division), custody, audit and integrity (complaints and internal audit), Criminal Justice (prosecution files and links with other CJ agencies) and diversity.*

**Chris Shouli, Telford Collage of Arts and Technology**

*Chris has worked at Telford College of Arts & Technology since January 1985, initially as a lecturer of business administration and secretarial studies, and later as a part-time counsellor and deputy head of Student Services. She obtained the post of Head of Student Services in 1997 and subsequently became Director of the Student Services Unit. For the last 10 years Chris has been chair of the College's Equality & Diversity meetings and has been involved in setting up many of the equality processes for students within the College.*

**ADVISORY MEMBERS (Non-voting Board Members)**

**Pam Bickley, Telford and Wrekin Primary Care Trust**

*Mrs Pam Bickley is Director of Nursing Development and Patient Experience/Consultant nurse, child protection for Telford and Wrekin Primary Care Trust. Pam is a nurse and has worked for the NHS for 29 years. Pam chairs the PCT Equality and diversity Group and has been a member of RED since its conception. Pam is firmly committed to ensuring that RED achieves its aims and particularly in providing positive responses to the community of Telford and Wrekin.*