

Ad Astra Academy Trust
Members & Trustees Register of Business Interests 2025-26



Name	Member	Trustee	Staff	Directorships, partnerships, employments with businesses	Trusteeships / Governorships at other educational institutions and charities	Involvement in official capacity with outside organisation	Immediate family business interests	Related to Member of staff of Ad Astra AT
Members								
Chris Simmons	✓			Nil	<p>Chair of Trustees, Hartlepool Borough Council's Preston, Simpson & Sterndale Young Musicians' Trust (providing financial scholarships to young musicians in Hartlepool to support their music education) since 10 May 2009.</p> <p>Treasurer, West View Advice & Resource Centre (financial community organisation operating in the West View area of Hartlepool) since 10 May 2009.</p> <p>Vice Chair, West View</p>	Nil	Nil	N/A

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					Project (youth club and community organisation operating in the West View area of Hartlepool) since 10 May 2009.			
Craig Malarkey	✓			Partner/Employee, Swinburne Maddison LLP (law firm) since 1 December 2021.	Nil	Nil	Nil	N/A
Greg Baldwin	✓			Employee, Johnson Matthey Plc. (chemical manufacturing company) since 9 August 1992.	Nil	Nil	Nil	N/A
Katherine Flounders	✓			Director, Safeguarding Practitioners Ltd. (safeguarding consultancy) since 4 February 2014. Director, North East	Trustee, Caldwell Youth, a charitable organisation, since 6 February 2023.	Nil	Nil	N/A

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				Law Centre (legal firm) since 30 June 2024.				
Trustees								
Alison Anderson		✓		Employee (Chief Executive Officer), ACT Academy Trust	St. Bede Inter-Church School – Trustee since September 2025.			
Andrew Brown (OBE)		✓	✓	Nil	Trustee, Darlington FC Foundation since 1 January 2019.	Nil	Nil	N/A
David New (Chair of Resources Committee)		✓		Nil	Horizons Specialist Academy Trust (education provider) – Trustee since 1 September 2021.	Nil	Nil	N/A
Elizabeth Elwell		✓		Director, Origin People & Culture Ltd. (HR and Management Consultancy) since 19 April 2025.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

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Emma Robins		✓		Headteacher, New Silksworth Infant and Junior Academies, part of Extol Multi-Academy Trust (education provider) since 17 September 2021.	Trustee, Caring Matters Now (a charitable organisation) since 8 October 2023.	Nil	Nil	N/A
Mark Tilling (Vice-Chair of Trust Board and Chair of Resources Committee)		✓		Headteacher, High Tunstall College of Science, Hartlepool since 1 September 2010.	LGB Member, Acklam Grange School since 30 September 2024. Chair of Governors, Federation of Lynnfield & Golden Flatts Primary Schools, Hartlepool since 12 September 2023. Ex-officio Governor, High Tunstall College of Science, Hartlepool since 1 September 2010.	Nil	Nil	N/A

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					<p>Chair of Trustees, Hartlepool United Sport in the Community Foundation since 01 January 2012 (ceased 9 October 2024).</p> <p>Member of Management Committee, Horizon School Pupil Referral Unit since 13 July 2024.</p> <p>Trustee, Hartlepool Borough Council's Preston, Simpson & Sterndale Young Musicians' Trust (providing financial scholarships to young musicians in Hartlepool to support their music education) since 1</p>			

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					January 2013.			
Paul Rickeard		✓		Durham & Newcastle Diocesan Learning Trust – Chief Executive Officer.	Member, The Cheviot Learning Trust since 1 September 2023. Member, British Trust of Ornithology since 1 August 1995.	Nil	Nil	N/A
Penelope Norman		✓		Employee, Finyx (Consultancy & Advisory Services)	Nil	Nil	Sarah Norman Assessments – SEN Assessments (Sister)	N/A
Richenda Broad (Chair)		✓		Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	N/A

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Historic (left within the last 12 months)								
Laura Ashurst	✓			Nil	Patron, Trinity Holistic Centre at The James Cook University Hospital (complementary therapies for cancer patients) since 23 January 2020. Trustee, METUPOK (breast cancer patient advocacy charity) since 22 September 2025.	Nil	Nil	N/A
Peter Noteyoung		✓		Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	N/A
Joanne Dobson		✓		Director, JLD Healthcare Consultancy (healthcare management consultancy) since 20 September 2023.	Nil	Nil	Nil	N/A