

Alan Wood CBE



Director of Children's Services London Borough of Hackney

From 2002-2012 Alan was the Chief Executive of The Learning Trust (TLT) which was appointed to deliver all of the statutory education services provided by London Borough of Hackney (LBH). Since 2006 Alan has also been the Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services in LBH. In that period education, social work for children, and youth services in Hackney have been transformed and now receive national recognition for their work. Alan has held the post of Director of Education in two London local authorities.

Alan was Chair of the Association of London Directors of Children Services (2007-2010) and Vice President of the ADCS (2013-2014). He was appointed by the Secretary of State to be a member of the Training and Development Agency for Teachers (TDA) and was a member of the Advisory Group for the Education Funding Agency (EFA).

Alan was asked by the Secretary of State for Education to review the arrangements for Children Social Care in Doncaster (2013) and Birmingham (2014) and has co-authored subsequent reports with Professor Julian Le Grand (LSE). In 2013 Alan was appointed by the Secretary of State as Commissioner for Children Social Care in Doncaster to ensure a new Trust was established to provide these services. The Doncaster Children Services Trust (DCST) becomes operational from September 2014.

In 2011 Alan was awarded a CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list for services to education and local government. Educated at the Universities of York and Birmingham and the Institute of Education, he lives in London and has two children. His interests include 17th-century English History, Tour de France, and cinema.

Alan was ADCS President until March 2015.