# Biographies of LUAC members

# Andrew G Haldane (Chair)



Andrew Haldane is the Chief Executive of the Royal Society of Arts (RSA). He was formerly Chief Economist at the Bank of England and a member of the Bank's Monetary Policy Committee.

Among other positions, Andrew is Honorary Professor at the Universities of Nottingham, Manchester and Exeter, Visiting Professor at King's College, London, a Visiting Fellow at Nuffield College, Oxford and a Fellow of the Royal Society and the Academy of Social Sciences. He has authored around 200 articles and 4 books.

Andrew is Founder and President of the charity Pro Bono Economics, Vice-Chair of the charity National Numeracy, Co-Chair of the City of London Task-Force on Social Mobility and Chair of the National Numeracy Leadership Council. Andrew was the Permanent Secretary for Levelling Up at the Cabinet Office from September 2021 to March 2022.

#### Katherine Bennett CBE FRAeS



A proud ambassador of British industry, Katherine Bennett joined the HVM Catapult as CEO in June 2021 after 16 years at Airbus where she was a Senior Vice President.

In Airbus, Katherine was the UK voice and face of the global aerospace manufacturer, representing the company on external initiatives including VentilatorChallengeUK.

Katherine's significant contribution to the aerospace and aviation sector was recognised with the Order of Commander of the British Empire in January 2019. She is passionate about people and has led multiple industry initiatives aimed at ensuring diversity, equality and inclusion in the workplace.

Outside of work, she can be found singing in a choir or playing the organ at her local church. Katherine's memberships include:

- Western Gateway (Chair)
- The Board of the Aerospace Growth Partnership
- The Investment Council of the Department for International Trade
- The Wales Government Science and Innovation Council.

## Sir Tim Besley



Professor Sir Tim Besley is School Professor of Economics of Political Science and W. Arthur Lewis Professor of Development Economics in the Department of Economics at the London School of Economics (LSE)

From September 2006 to August 2009, he served as an external member of the Bank of England Monetary Policy Committee, since 2015 has been a member of the National Infrastructure Commission.

Academic interests in long-term drivers of economic change.

## Sir Paul Collier



Sir Paul Collier is Professor of Economics and Public Policy at the Blavatnik School of Government and a Professorial Fellow of St Antony's College. He is a leading expert on economic development and author, with John Kay, of *Greed Is Dead: Politics After Individualism*. Sir Paul was formerly Director of the Development Research Group at the World Bank (1998-2003).

In addition to his academic work, Sir Paul has had significant influence on policy issues as an advisor to governments, international organisations, and also corporations.

# **Cathy Gormley-Heenan**



Professor Cathy Gormley-Heenan is the University Provost at Ulster University with research interests and publications that include both UK and devolved public policy and multi-level governance.

Professor Gormley-Heenan was recently appointed as a fiscal commissioner in the Independent Fiscal Commission for Northern Ireland to undertake a comprehensive review of the case for increasing fiscal powers available to the NI Assembly.

Cathy was awarded an OBE in 2020 for services to higher education in Northern Ireland and is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences (FAcSS), and a Fellow

of the UK Higher Education Academy (FHEA).

# **Professor Dame Sally Mapstone FRSE**



Professor Dame Sally Mapstone is an academic and Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of St Andrews.

Professor Mapstone is a member of the board of Universities UK, Convener of Universities Scotland, Chair of the Higher Education Policy Institute board, a member of the board of UCAS, and Vice-Chair of the board of the Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland. She maintains a strong interest in issues of equality and access.

Dame Sally is also Honorary President of the Scottish Text Society, an Honorary Fellow of the Association for Scottish Literary Studies, and

President of the Saltire Society which champions Scottish culture. In 2019 she became a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and in 2022 she was appointed Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire for her services to higher education.

# **Dame Carolyn McCall**



Dame Carolyn is a seasoned Chief Executive with strong strategic acumen and a demonstrable track record in value creation, operational excellence and business transformation. Carolyn is currently Chief Executive of ITV plc having previously been Chief Executive of easyJet. She also held various commercial and management roles at the Guardian Media Group, including CEO of the Guardian and Observer before becoming Group CEO in 2006. In addition, Carolyn currently sits as a Non-executive Director on the Board of Bridgepoint plc and Board of Trustees for the Royal Academy Trust. She has previously served as Non-executive Director of Lloyds TSB, Tesco plc and New Look Group plc.

In 2016, Carolyn was awarded a Damehood for services to the aviation industry having received an OBE in 2008 for services to women in business. She has received the Veuve Clicquot Businesswoman of the Year Award and has been named the most admired leader by Management Today three times, the only person to have won the award for two separate companies.

#### Sacha Romanovitch



Sacha Romanovitch was appointed CEO of Fair4All Finance in September 2019.

Fair4All Finance has been founded to support the financial wellbeing of the most vulnerable people in society by increasing access to fair, affordable and appropriate financial products and services.

She was previously CEO of Grant Thornton UK LLP, leading the UK firm past £500m in annual revenues and 5,000 team members.

## **Hayaatun Sillem**



Hayaatun Sillem is Chief Executive for the Royal Academy of Engineering, with extensive experience in UK and international engineering and innovation.

She also chairs the UK Government's Innovation Expert Group and the St. Andrews Prize for the Environment (a major international initiative led by the University that recognises and supports innovative and inspirational responses to environmental challenges, including the climate crisis).

She is a trustee of EngineeringUK and the Foundation for Science & Technology; a member of the Made Smarter Commission on Industry 4.0; a

director of Festival\*UK 2022 Ltd; an advisor to accelerateHER and the Lloyd's Register Foundation.

She was also formerly an advisor to the House of Commons Science and Technology Committee.

#### **David Skelton**



David Skelton is Director of Renewal, dedicated to broadening Conservative appeal. David was previously Deputy Director and Head of Research at Policy Exchange – an independent think tank working for a stronger society, better public services and a more dynamic economy.

Prior to joining Policy Exchange David worked in management consultancy, where he was heavily engaged in developing progressive and innovative thought leadership for the public sector, as well as working regularly with public sector professionals in health, education and policing. David was also

Deputy Director of the Parliamentary Resources Unit, a body that provides specialised research services to Members of Parliament.

# Sir Nigel Wilson



Sir Nigel David Wilson is a British businessman.

Since 2012 Sir Nigel has been chief executive of Legal & General, a British multinational financial services company. He has held this position since 2012.

He was knighted in the 2022 New Year Honours for services to the finance industry and regional development.

## **Baroness Wolf**



Alison Wolf CBE is the Sir Roy Griffiths Professor of Public Sector Management, and a crossbench peer (Baroness Wolf of Dulwich) in the House of Lords. She specialises in the relationship between education and the labour market.

Alison has been seconded part-time to central government since 2020, as an expert adviser on skills and manpower policy.

While most of Alison's current work focuses on the interface between education institutions and labour markets, she also has long-standing interests in assessment, and in mathematics education.