

Board Members and Staff

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The Real World Trust (RWT) is a registered charity that operates "not for profit"; in that any surpluses are re-used within the organisation and not to shareholders.

The Board of the Real World Trust (RWT) meets every three months to oversee the governance, receive reports and make recommendations regarding the strategic direction of the organisation. Board members give of their time and skill voluntarily.

RWT is always seeking to balance the skills mix of the Board and applications are welcome from anyone who thinks they may have a particular skill to offer – particularly in the legal or financial area. (Please contact the Chair or Chief Executive).

Patrons and Board members of The Real World Trust
Gloria Minghella DL, JP

Gloria has been Patron of the Real World Trust since 1991. She is a well-respected local business person, a Deputy Lieutenant of the Isle of Wight and past Chair of the Magistrates.

Shirley Smart

Shirley is a past leader of IOW Council and has an extensive knowledge of housing having been instrumental in the introduction of the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act by the late MP Stephen Ross. Shirley also has extensive knowledge of the voluntary sector and Human Resource legislation.

Richard Priest MA

Chairman of the Trust from 1999 until 2004, Richard is General Manager of the Riverside Centre, a large resource centre for people with differing abilities. Richard is also Chairman of Medina Housing Association, a town councillor and past Mayor of Shanklin and Chairman of Shanklin Youth and Community Centre. He also sits on several strategic planning groups as well as vice chair of the local Rural Community Council.

Timothy Day RMN

Tim is a co-founder of Real World Trust. Before becoming a psychiatric nurse 15 years ago Tim was Managing Director of Canning Day Motors. Tim has extensive experience of the Trust's client group and has recently been involved in service development for the Isle of Wight NHS Trust.

Gill Kennett

Gill works for the Isle of Wight Healthcare Trust and is a Parish Councillor in Freshwater. ++++++

David Pugh

David is a County Councillor in Shanklin, and Leader of the Isle of Wight Council. ++++++

RWT employs 9 staff plus dedicated external consultants and a number of volunteers at any one time.

The main contacts for the different sections are as follows:

Team Leader - Donna Lynch

Donna has managed Butler Gardens hostel and overseen our other residential projects since 1999 and is the main contact regarding hostel and other housing matters, and the Workshop.

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