

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).

Patrons and Board members of The Real World Trust
Dr Robert Keats - Chair from 2014

Bob Keats has been Chairman of the Real World Trust since 2014. His areas of work embrace training and consultancy, he has expertise in residential property management and leasehold law, and he is also Chairman of Island Cottages Housing Association.

Timothy Day RMN

Tim is a co-founder of Real World Trust. Before becoming a psychiatric nurse around 20 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 worked formerly for the Isle of Wight Healthcare Trust and now with "My Life a Full Life". She is a Parish Councillor in Freshwater.

Helen Keats MBE

Helen is a Homelessness Consultant, who has worked as a Specialist advisor, Homelessness; at Department for Communities and Local Government and former Chair of Medina Housing Association.

RWT employs 10 staff plus dedicated external consultants and a number of volunteers at any one time.

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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