

Mini bios of Trustees

Ron - Retired to the fresh air of Folkestone in 2018, after 38 years working in London as a Vicar in the Church of England, most recently in NW10. Married to Joan, with two adult children, and two grandchildren.

Jo – Mum of 3 young adults with a love for hospitality, crafty stuff and fun with friends and family. Jo Gordon is the founder and director of Daniel's Den, a parent and toddler charity. A Yorkshire lady at heart, Jo came to London to be a primary school teacher but is now devoting her time into bringing about the vision for having a parent and toddler group within walking distance of every family in the UK. She has the vision, drive and experience to make it happen.

Caroline - Mum of 3 grown up children and very excited to be the Grandma of two little ones. She has lived in London since 1979 having been brought up in Sussex, and in Kensal Rise since 1982. She's been running the Parent and Toddler Group at St. Marks Kensal Rise for 30 years and feel passionately about providing a safe and welcoming place for parents and children to come, where parents can be supported, encouraged and loved, and children can play safely and be nurtured in a safe environment. She is part of the Brent Parent and Toddler Network and the London Network of Parent and Toddler Groups and have been partnering with Daniel's Den in the vision to grow these networks across our city.

Keith – retired university international director and academic during which time he travelled the world extensively and experienced life in many different cultures. On Leadership team of his Methodist church. Associate Hospital Manager for Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust – sitting on review and appeal panels as a lay member for those sectioned under the Mental Health Act. Keen cyclist, gardener and DIY enthusiast.

Yvonne - Busy mother of 2 young adults. Living and working locally as a Teaching Assistant at a local primary school for over 12 years now, predominantly with Special Needs Children, which I love immensely. Socialising, helping others and meeting new people are my passion. I've been a volunteer at Daniel's Den for over 10 years now which really started as a fill in for another member who was ill at the time. I've never left and just love the interaction within the group and the people and families we meet. Have only been a trustee since last year but definitely enjoying the experience. Looking forward to see how Daniel's Den progresses as a unit in these uncertain times.

Judith - mum of two teenage boys, qualified accountant who believes all children deserve the chance to reach their full potential. She has spent 10 years working in further education, currently as Chief Operating Officer at Newham College; previous jobs included a senior finance role at Action for Children. On the board of Arvon, a charity that promotes creative writing, her hobbies include horse riding, walking and running 'Mum's Taxi Service'.

Ketan is a councillor in the London Borough of Brent. He passionately believes in Daniel's Den continuing to provide a high quality early years support to toddlers and parents within our community. He is a lawyer by profession and sits on a number of public bodies, including as Chair of the Valuation Tribunal for England. Ketan has two young sons, both alumni of Daniel's Den.