



Claire McDonald

My local knowledge spans 25 years, to the early 1990's when I moved to the area to undertake a Business Administration degree at the University of Bedfordshire. I developed my interest in community issues when I began my career in Human Resources at Luton Community Housing Ltd in 2001, a local provider of social housing to families, and vulnerable adults across Luton and South Bedfordshire.

Having relocated to my home town of Lincoln in 2008 to gain valuable experience of people management in both the private and not-for-profit sectors, I returned to Luton in 2014 to join the executive team at Luton Community Housing, as Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development, developing "Glasshouse Organisational Development", a division of Luton Community Housing providing people management consultancy services with a social purpose to other smaller charities and businesses. I'm a Chartered Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development, having a wealth of experience in organisational transformation and people engagement, encouraging wellbeing, creativity and fun in the workplace to achieve results.

I joined Thornhill Primary School as a school governor in 2017, volunteering to be able to have the opportunity to make a positive impact on the community as a whole, providing new perspectives through my individual experience. Being committed to diversity, equality and inclusion is extremely high on my agenda - I think BIG, and whilst I do not have children, I am family-focussed, passionate about people and making a difference in the community, truly believing in providing the best education and opportunities for children whatever their background, treating them with respect and fairness.