

Personal Statement by Mick Dillon

I joined the Board of Governors in 2016, as I was keen to give some of my experience and time back to a local organisation, having grown up in Bedfordshire and moved to Houghton Regis some 5yrs ago.

With over 30 years' experience within private, public and voluntary sectors, I'm a registered Architect, but have also been Chief Executive of various charities since 2000, most notably running The Disability Resource Centre (DRC) in Dunstable for 15yrs. During this time I have also been a chair of a national charity and am now an Inclusive Growth Commissioner for Luton.

As a wheelchair user and having studied to Post Graduate level in Architecture, via 9 years of day release, I have a passion for equality of opportunity for all, especially in education.

My work was recognised in 2015 when the DRC was selected as Bedfordshire's Community Business of the Year, while I also had an Honorary Doctorate bestowed upon me by the University of Bedfordshire in the same year.

Mick is a well-known voice on BBC Three Counties radio and in September 2018 was a judge for their first ever "Outstanding Person of the Year" awards.