

**Liz Bailey:**

I have been the IT Director at the University of Leicester since 2013 having previously been the Deputy Director there and before I joined the University I worked at Unilever and ICI working across both Service Delivery and Programme and Project Management. I was a key member of a ucisa project looking at ITIL adoption and maturity a number of years ago but in recent years I've been focussing on Digital Strategy. I wrote our first Digital Strategy and I'm leading the thinking on how Digital reaches beyond big Business systems projects, into the classroom and in turn how these need to be supported with initiatives on digital skills and coping with change.

If I were to be elected a Trustee I'd like to support ucisa along the journey from being an Information Systems or IT body of best practice and to grow further into the Digital space supporting IT departments in taking a lead in guiding the digital development of a University as a whole. I think supporting the Women in IT initiatives is also really important, bringing through female talent and trying to make sure that they feel able to step up into those leadership roles.

Finally outside of work I am a Trustee and Governor a Leicester based 3 school trust and also a Trustee of Girlguiding Leicestershire.

**Garod Barker:**

Proven technical and senior management leader in a career spanning 19+ years in the FE and HE sector,

Providing strategic leadership and taking overall responsibility for the business IT, systems and building services ensuring their operational efficiency.

Strong record of success in designing, creating and integration of robust IT architectures, infrastructures, network, support, and operational management

Experienced in being the internal lead for multimillion pound building projects

Currently college lead for the largest FE redevelopment in the UK

Industry award winner for public sector Storage project of the year in 2013 and 2014

Followed the college route into employment attending Paddington and North London college as a student. Before coming back into FE as an adult student on a two year evening course studying for his MCSE accreditation

Started career in FE in 2000 as an IT support supervisor for City of Westminster College and have since progressed my career in a number of Colleges and Universities throughout London and Hertfordshire

Contributed heavily to the sector through various seminars and talks on digital transformation, smart campus, new innovation, and curriculum re-alignment.

Numerous case studies on innovation

**Expertise**

Specializes in Building and IT transformation business strategies, taking responsibility for the full life cycle. Including taking ownership for business process alignment, resource planning, governance and compliance

Experienced focal technical point and very commercially aware

**Non-Executive Roles currently held**

Director on the LMN Board

Group member for ucisa

Member of BCS

**Arthur Clune:**

I'm the Director of Infrastructure and Faculty IT at the University of York, where I previously lead the Information Security team amongst other posts.

I've long valued ucisa for its events, at which I've regularly presented, but in the last few years I've become more involved. I've been an active member of the Infrastructure Group committee since 2015 and was on the organising committee for the IG Conference for two years.

I also have experience as a Charity Trustee; in 2013 I was part of a group that converted the York based Bike Rescue Project, a bike recycling project, from a Community Interest Company to a charity and associated trading arm and became Chair of the Board of Trustees of the new charity.

I hope that this combined experience will be of value to ucisa. My volunteer experience gives me experience of helping to run a small business with a payroll and bills to meet along with the demands of being a company director and trustee. From my day job, I bring understanding of the needs of the sector and the challenges it faces; ucisa will not be unaffected by the wider trends in HE such as the Auger of student loans and will need to make the value it provides even clearer as budgets tighten.

The work ucisa has started with it's new Strategic Plan points the organisation in the right direction and I'd like to have the opportunity to help ucisa navigate these new few years.

**Paul Harness:**

Dr Paul Harness has been Director of Information Systems Services at Lancaster University since 2013. Paul is a digital leader with extensive experience of strategy, planning, organisational change and transformation in large and complex organisations. He is particularly interested in *digital innovation* and creating an entrepreneurial spirit within IT. Paul has led on the Digital Lancaster strategy which has recently resulted in an exciting partnership with Amazon Web Services and the #askLU project (<https://youtu.be/rCyLEQwynPI>).

Prior to Lancaster, Paul was Director of IT Services at the University of Manchester (8 years) where he led the unification of two IT organisations during the merger with UMIST. This included a £30M business systems programme which at the time was by far the largest in the sector. Paul started his IT career at UMIST after a period as a post doc researcher in Glasgow. Paul progressed to become Director of IT at UMIST, a post he held for 3 years prior to the Manchester merger.

Paul is a Director of Lancaster University Network Services Ltd and a former Chair of the Russell Group IT Directors (RUGIT).

**Clare Priestley:**

I am Claire Priestley, Director of IT at City, University of London.

My roles in HE have included Directorships in Academic and Professional Process Support, Application Management, IT Business, and latterly Director of IT. I chair several committees including the Equality & Diversity Committee (interim).

I am passionate about people, technology and inclusion. In 2016 I founded CIO+1, a not-for-profit initiative which promotes diversity in tech leadership. This initiative aligns well to that of ucisa - building the pipeline of talent in IT through sharing ideas, great practise, collaboration and communication. CIO+1 relies on building a community of CIOs across every sector - it's been a success and has secured sponsorship well into 2020 thus far.

My experience (and network) includes an ongoing connection with the commercial sector including FTSE 100 companies and almost a decade managing significant change programmes as a Business Change Manager. I am Founding Partner and Operations Director of The Secret Boxing Gym London – a role that necessitates the entire range of business and board level skills.

I believe in the power of the community and collaboration – particularly in HE & IT where the speed of change coupled with the tensions of security, compliance and risk means we need every bit of help in making it information sensible, digestible and accessible to all. ucisa is critical to this. I would love to contribute by bringing my experience and skills, plus my appetite for innovation and improvement, to the Board of Trustees.

**Darren Tysoe:**

I am delighted to be a candidate for the role of ucisa Trustee. My connections with ucisa include my role as the CIO at Regents University, London and Chair of the ucisa London Group. This group formed two years ago to continue the work carried out by the London Metropolitan Network Group. In 2018, we held six events which were all well attended, including representation from further education, sixth form colleges, adult education, as well as Universities. Membership has grown with representatives at all levels across IT functions. As my background prior to working in HE was 20 years in FE, I am pleased that ucisa London has successfully reached out to widen its membership beyond the HE sector, which has brought innovative ideas and shared good practice to the Group.

At the 2018 Leadership Conference, I was elected onto the ucisa Leadership Council, where I am pleased to have been able to influence ucisa strategic ambitions.

Outside of my professional role, I have been an elected Councillor for the past 20 years, where I have been able to hold the Council's Officers to account by scrutinising decisions and influencing policy in order to better meet the needs of local residents.

This Trustee role comes at a critical time for ucisa, with the new Strategic Plan, new governance structures and the forthcoming appointment of its first CEO. I am keen to continue to work with ucisa at a national level to help ensure that it continues to meet the needs of its members; enlarges its membership, and delivers on its strategic objectives. Thank you for your support.