

Doncaster Independent Education and Skills Commission



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Who we are

Dr. Ann Limb CBE DL Chair



A qualified teacher by background, Ann is a former FE College Principal and currently Chair of The Scout Association - the UK's largest co-educational youth charity. Ann is also Chair of the South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership in which capacity she is chairs of the government's FE Funding Reform & Localism Steering Group charged with introducing a reformed FE system to meet the policy objectives of the government's devolution and apprenticeship agenda. From 1999-2005, Ann worked and lived in Sheffield where she was Group Chief Executive of the University for Industry (Ufi Ltd) responsible, as a senior civil servant, for the successful implementation of the UK government's flagship e-learning initiative **learnirect** as well as the development of other nationwide e-services. UK on line and Directgov.

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Professor Tim Brighouse Vice Chair



Tim Brighouse trained as a teacher after a modern history degree at Oxford University. He has been a head of Department in a grammar school, a Deputy Head in a secondary modern/ community college in South Wales and has been an administrator in Wales, Buckinghamshire, and the Association of County Councils before being Deputy in the I.L.E.A. and then Chief Education Officer In Oxfordshire for ten years. He then spent 4 years at Keele University where he founded the centre for Successful Schools. After ten years as Chief Education Officer in Birmingham he became Commissioner for London Schools and ran the London Challenge. Since retiring from a full time role he has advised Local Authorities and schools on school improvement. He has written extensively on a variety of education – related subjects. He has honorary degrees from more than a dozen universities for ‘services to education’ He is a Norham Fellow at the University of Oxford.

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Professor Keri Facer



Keri Facer is Professor of Educational and Social Futures at the University of Bristol and Arts and Humanities Research Council Leadership Fellow for the Connected Communities Programme. Her work focuses on two areas: first, the relationship between schools, universities and local communities; and second, the development of educational systems that enable the creation of democratic, sustainable and equitable futures in the context of rapid social, environmental and social change. Her books include: *Learning Futures: Education, Technology and Social Change*, and *ScreenPlay: Children and Computing in the Home*. She has worked as consultant and collaborator with a wide range of organisations including: the BBC, Microsoft, the DCSF, Baltic Art Gallery, the RSA, the Cooperative Schools Network as well as with schools and informal learning organisations across the UK. She was Research Director for Futurelab from 2002 - 2008.

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Amali de Alwis



Amali is the CEO of Code First: Girls, a social enterprise which works with companies and women to increase the proportions of women in tech. She previously worked as a consultant at PwC, which included a secondment to World Economic Forum. Prior to this, she also worked as a senior research and strategy consultant at TNS Global, where she advised organisations ranging from global banks to multinational retailers on stakeholder management, product, brand, and digital strategies. Outside of the day job, she works as a small business mentor through Start-up direct, is a Tech London Advocate and a fellow at the RSA. She has advised and mentored on a number of senior and youth leadership development programmes such as the Commonwealth CSC Leaders and 33Fifty, and is a regular speaker at events such as the Institute of Ideas' "Battle of Ideas", Fincoder, and the Wide Web Foundation's "Web We Want" Festival.

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Nigel Brewster



After over 15 years in the executive search and recruitment sector, Nigel founded the award winning Brewster Pratap Recruitment Group in 2011 which has gone on to be in the top 1% of the UK's fastest growing start-ups. Nigel has also been active in business representation and policy development over the last decade through his roles as President of Doncaster Chamber for two terms between 2007 and 2011 and Chairman of the Sheffield City Region Chambers of Commerce group between 2011 and 2012. Nigel was appointed to the Board as a founder member of the Sheffield City Region Local Enterprise Partnership (SCR LEP) in 2010, was reappointed for a further 3 years in 2013 and in January 2016 was appointed by the incoming LEP Chair Sir Nigel Knowles to act as Vice Chair. During this time Nigel has served as private sector lead for the LEP's 'Skills' work stream and has been instrumental in SCR LEP being recognised nationally for its Skills related policy initiatives including negotiating devolved skills funding through the 'City Deal' in 2011, further devolution of skills funding in 2014 and the most recent city region devolution deal of 2015/16. Nigel is a recognised contributor and speaker on a range of Skills and Business Growth related topics and also serves as a Trustee of a number of regional Charitable organisations.