



## Advisory Committee on Degree Awarding Powers

The Advisory Committee on Degree Awarding Powers (ACDAP) considers applications for degree awarding powers.

Below are details of the current members.

Members (between them) also have experience in research into science, technology, humanities or new ideas.

### Dr Vanessa Davies

Former Director General, Bar Standards Board (retired)

**Category of membership:**

Chair, Independent QAA Board member

**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**

Alumna and former employee of Kings College London (KCL) (1981-1997). Family members connected to KCL as alumni and an emeritus professor position. Family member connected by employment to Newcastle University, 2019 onwards.

**Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:**

Former Director General of the Bar Standards Board - regulatory body for barristers, which gives a connection to most law schools in England and Wales and a direct supervisory and contractual relationship with the following universities: Cardiff, Northumbria, Manchester Metropolitan, West of England, Nottingham Trent, City, University of Law, BPP. Close working relationships with Solicitors Regulation Authority.

**Connections with other bodies:**

Bencher of Inner Temple; Trustee of Law for Life: The Foundation for Public Legal Education; Non-Executive Director, Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal (Scotland) (2019-2022); Lay Member, House of Lords Conduct Committee (2019-2022).

### Professor Simon Macklin

Pro Vice Chancellor (Portfolio Development and Global Engagement), University for the Creative Arts

**Category of membership:**

Member with current or recent (within the last two years) UK degree awarding powers experience at a strategic level, and/or having senior-level responsibility for areas covered by the criteria for degree awarding powers or university title applications

**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**

External Examiner Middlesex University, Chief External Examiner University of Chichester, Family member connected by employment to University of Surrey

**Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:**

None

**Connections with other bodies:**

None

### **Dr Ernest Caldwell**

Senior Lecturer in Chinese Studies and Associate Director for Learning and Teaching, SOAS University of London

**Category of membership:**

Member with current or recent (within the last two years) UK degree awarding powers experience at a strategic level, and/or having senior-level responsibility for areas covered by the criteria for degree awarding powers or university title applications

**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**

None

**Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:**

None

**Connections with other bodies:**

Parent Governor; Ridgeway Primary School and Nursery

### **Professor Ian Dunn**

Provost, Coventry University

**Category of membership:**

Member with current or recent (within the last two years) UK degree awarding powers experience at a strategic level, and/or having senior-level responsibility for areas covered by the criteria for degree awarding powers or university title applications.

**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**

None

**Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:**

Ministry of Justice, Justice of the Peace; Board membership of several multi-academy trusts and chair of an independent school trust; charity trusteeship

**Connections with other bodies:**

None

### **Mr Charles Hunt**

Vice-Chancellor, University College of Osteopathy

**Category of membership:**

Member with current or recent (within the last two years) UK degree awarding powers experience at a strategic level, and/or having senior-level responsibility for areas covered by the criteria for degree awarding powers or university title applications.

**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**

Partnership with University of Bedfordshire for Prof Doc validation, Validation partnership with Northern College of Acupuncture and College of Integrated Chinese Medicine. Partnership with College of World Sport and e-sports.

**Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:**

Past Chair Osteopathic International Alliance, Director Council of Osteopathic Education Institutions, Member of Osteopathic Development Group Management Board, Member of Institute of Osteopathy, Member of Osteopathic Development Group Management Board

**Connections with other bodies:**

None

### **Professor Neal Juster**

Vice-Chancellor, University of Lincoln

**Category of membership:**

Member with current or recent (within the last two years) UK degree awarding powers experience at a strategic level, and/or having senior-level responsibility for areas covered by the criteria for degree awarding powers or university title applications.

**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**

None

**Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:**

Fellow, Institution of Mechanical Engineers

**Connections with other bodies:**

None

**Professor Jackie Labbe**

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Gloucestershire

**Category of membership:**

Member with current or recent (within the last two years) UK degree awarding powers experience at a strategic level, and/or having senior-level responsibility for areas covered by the criteria for degree awarding powers or university title applications.

**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**

None

**Connections with professional and subject- based bodies:**

Member, British Association for Romantic Studies

**Connections with other bodies:**

Member, Office for Students, TRAC Development Group

**Ms Clare Viney**

Chief Executive Officer, The Careers Research and Advisory Centre (CRAC)

**Category of membership:**

Member providing an employer of graduates or professional body perspective

**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**

Chair, University of Southampton, Chemistry Advisory Board; Member, University of Sheffield, Employability Board. Vitae (programme managed by CRAC) has over 200 university members in 23 countries.

**Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:**

Fellow, Royal Society of Chemistry; Chartered Chemist; Chartered Scientist

**Connections with other bodies:**

Member of BEIS Ministerial Coordination Group People and Culture

**Ms Leonie Milliner**

Director of Education and Deputy Chief Executive Officer, General Optical Council

**Category of membership:**

Member providing an employer of graduates or professional body perspective

**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**

GPhC Team Leader/member, Accreditation Panel; CILEx Qualifications Committee

**Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:**

Legal Executive/Law; Pharmacy

**Connections with other bodies:**

GPhC; CILEx

**Professor Philip Wilson**

Chief Executive, College of Esports

**Category of membership**

Member of QAA Board. Member with experience in a higher education provider in England without degree awarding powers.

**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**

University College of Osteopathy (validation partner)

**Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:**

Member of the Institute of Directors; Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management, Member of Athenaeum

**Connections with other bodies:**

Chair, Trustee and Director of Burnley FC in the Community

### **Dr Steven Wright**

Director of Academic Standards, Nelson and Colne College

**Category of membership:**

Member from an English further education provider

**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**

Validating partners: University of Bolton; Buckinghamshire New University; University of Cumbria; University of Huddersfield; Liverpool John Moores University; Pearson Education

**Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:**

Member of Institution of Engineering and Technology and Fellow of Higher Education Academy

**Connections with other bodies:**

Member of Association of Colleges Higher Education Policy Group

### **Mr Damian Day**

Head of Education & Quality Assurance, UK, General Pharmaceutical Council

**Category of membership:**

Member with experience of encouraging competition in industry or another sector of society

**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**

Accreditation of pharmacy courses

**Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:**

Chair, Governance Board, Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys

**Connections with other bodies:**

None

### **Dr Nicola Watchman-Smith**

Deputy Director Student Learning, Teesside University

**Category of membership:**

Member co-opted by the QAA Board

**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**

Governor at New College Durham

**Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:**

AdvanceHE

**Connections with other bodies:**

None

### **Ms Nina Cupric**

Vice President Education at University of Derby Union Students

**Category of membership:**

Student member or otherwise representing the interests of the students

**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**

Governor at University of Derby, Trustee at University of Derby Union of Students

**Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:**

None

**Connections with other bodies:**

None

### **Dr Harry Williams**

Postdoctoral Researcher, Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine

**Category of membership:**

Student member, co-opted by the QAA Board

**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**

Recent graduate from Keele University

**Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:**

Member of the Royal Society of Biology (MRSB), Member of the British Crystallographic

Association (BCA), Early-Career Member of the Biochemical Society

**Connections with other bodies:**

None

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