

Name: Anwar Ali

Personal Statement:

As CEO and co- founder of Upturn Enterprises Ltd, I am a multi award winning, social mobility champion, social entrepreneur, BAME business leader with over 20 years management experience leading teams that make a difference to people, communities and business.

I am natural leader who thrives on leading and developing teams motivated to solve problems in a creative and constantly changing environment, together with the ability to utilise business knowledge and develop tactical business solutions through understanding the key business performance drivers, ensuring integration with business plans/strategies and objectives.

Joining the Board at GMCVO will provide an ideal opportunity to bring my strategic and tactical skills and extensive experience to support GMCVO activity.

Name: Phil Arnold

Personal Statement:

I am a creative, tenacious, agile and driven leadership consultant at Great Northern Impact Hub Ltd. I am able to nurture relationships with clients to develop new business opportunities and project manage developments. I have expertise in partnership development, strategic and operational delivery that can invigorate organisations across the private, public and 3rd sector to fulfil their potential. I have an enthusiastic approach to solving problems, adding value and creating sustainable impact shown by my proven track record of achieving targets in complex and competitive environments.

Name: Tom Berry

Personal Statement:

Since starting my professional career, I have been focused on, and motivated by, roles that can enable me to make a broader impact and be involved in something that really matters.

Whilst my career to date has focused on healthcare, I am keen to extend my experience and expertise and believe the Treasurer role at GMCVO will support this. I am becoming increasingly aware of the important role that the VCSE sector plays in public society and I am keen to play my part in this. I am also keen to put my consultancy experience of finance, governance and leadership arrangements into practice as part of the wider Board, helping to ensure the organisation is making use of appropriate assurance and risk management mechanisms.

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Name: Kathryn Cheetham

Personal Statement:

I believe that by cultivating and strengthening relationships we can improve the lives of all people living in our communities. Ensuring people are able to have a powerful voice to others has been at the heart of everything I have done for the last 10 years.

I have a track record of developing and leading membership organisations that have created opportunities for people to shape and design the future of our cities and towns at both a grass roots and strategic level ensuring have been at the heart of driving change within our communities through campaigning, volunteering, and social activism.

GMCVO has a crucial ongoing role to play in ensuring that the VCSE continues to lead and have a voice in shaping GM with their communities, public and private sector organisations. I believe that my skills in engagement, service transformation, strategy development and understanding of grassroots movements and groups will be an asset during this period.

Name: Richard Dyson

Personal Statement:

As Vice Chair of GMCVO and Chair of The Charity Service Limited , I have been involved in the charitable sector in the North West for a number of years and recognise the wide network of third sector of businesses, statutory authorities and related national organisations with which GMCVO is involved.

I am very supportive of, and committed to, GMCVO's purpose, objects, vision, values and ethics and I have enjoyed supporting what is a relatively complex organisation in its development in a challenging marketplace, recognising that I have needed to spend time in appreciating and understanding the issues it faces.

As a trustee I try to use my financial skills and experience to support the various charities in which I am involved, including GMCVO, helping them achieve their aims and making decisions that will impact on people's lives. This has enabled me to learn new skills and to support GMCVO's development into new areas, such as Access to Growth GM, and to make a difference to the community in which the charity operates or to society as a whole.

Name: Jesse Garrick

Personal Statement:

I am the Greater Manchester Area Lead in the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. I

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lead on local growth initiatives across the GM city region, including support for towns and high streets, Levelling Up and Community Renewal Funds and the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. I also lead on local devolution of powers and funding, responses to economic shocks, and freeports.

I joined the civil service in 2020 from the infrastructure provider Amey plc, where I led the external affairs team. During my time at Amey, I was a member of the Outsourcing Reform Working Group, led by Cabinet Office, which developed the Outsourcing Playbook and the introduction of minimum weightings for VCSE sector spend on public sector contracts. Prior to this, I held various roles in consultancy and in house communications, including at Weber Shandwick and the NHS.

I have prior experience in voluntary roles as a communications advisor to the Samaritans UK London branch and am looking to build on this voluntary experience as a GMCVO trustee.

Name: Mark Lee

Personal Statement:

I have been a long standing member of GMCVO in my roles in the Children Society and Barnardo's. I have been a trustee of GMCVO for the last 6 years, as Honorary secretary and a member of the Finance and Personnel committee.

The role of the Voluntary sector is increasingly challenged by the high levels of need, poverty and reduced levels of state support and resources.

The sector needs a strong voice that can speak out collectively to commissioners, policy makers and political decision makers – as well as facilitating the collaboration and partnership developments that will be critical to the sectors future success. I believe that GMCVO provides that voice and support and would be keen to continue to contribute in a small way to its future success.

Name: Tom McGee

Personal Statement:

I am a retired senior manager in the post 16 education sector. I've been a member of Stockport Council since mid 1980s; until May 2022 Deputy Leader of the Council and held the Finance and Resources portfolio.

Having been a volunteer for over 50 years across a number of spheres it's easy to see how much society and individuals benefit from volunteering and organisations run by volunteers - and never more so than the current times.

Having an organisation like GMCVO supporting and collaborating other organisations in a variety of ways gives added value - something I've seen at first hand over the past six years as the GMCA representative – although GMCA no

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longer nominate a representative to sit on the GMCVO board I would like to continue to give support to GMCVO.

Name: Julie Nicholson

Personal Statement:

I am a highly experienced, motivated, and enthusiastic senior leader with a wealth of experience in Strategic Partnerships & Relationships, Account Management, Partnership Stewardship, Programme Management, Corporate Fundraising (securing multi-million-pound deals), Business Development and Volunteer Management that fit well with GMCVO's strategic vision.

I am a diligent, dedicated, and professional worker with a proven track record of building successful long term, multi-faceted partnerships, growing & leading teams, and being a positive role model who can create a supportive and inclusive environment to achieve positive results and hope to bring these attributes to GMCVO.

I have excellent organisational, communication and interpersonal skills along with a very credible reputation with colleagues, partners, and potential supporters and interested in joining GMCVO's Board of Trustees.