

## **Trustees for re-election**

### **Zoe Eccles**

As the Director of a locally led, capacity building charity, I share in our members hopes, ambitions and success for the future.

I have a strong understanding of our common challenges and how to navigate the opportunities on the road ahead.

Building upon the knowledge and expertise I have gained over a lifetime in the VCS and in recent years as a Trustee, I am standing again to represent those independent voices; the voices that help shape meaningful change.

I am committed to influencing policy makers and advocating for the residents of Tower Hamlets, so that we may all lead healthier and happier lives.

Alongside the board, Tower Hamlets Council and our valued members, I bring a fair, inclusive and equitable approach, that will empower our members to grow their organisations sustainably and to deepen their impact and reach.

I am grateful for this opportunity to serve once again as a THCVS Trustee and will ensure the continued success of its members, by working towards a thriving and resilient Tower Hamlets Voluntary and Community Sector, in equitable partnership.

### **Chris Ley**

I would like to put myself forward to continue as a Trustee of the THCVS.

I have worked within the Voluntary, Charity or Public Sector for the past 40 years and I am in my 27th year here in Tower Hamlets. I am currently Network Director of the Poplar & Limehouse Health Network which is a Community Interest Company providing health and wellbeing initiatives working with GPs and community partners in Poplar, Limehouse. I also work as a director for the TH GP Care Group (the GP Federation in Tower Hamlets) and currently run the Healthy Island Partnership on the Isle of Dogs.

Before moving into health, my past roles in Tower Hamlets included: Director of Economic Regeneration with Poplar HARCA (running amongst other things - youth services, training & employment initiatives, housing services and community centres) and Coordinator of Tower Hamlets Neighbourhood Management through a secondment to LBTH.

I have past experience as a trustee for various organisations including TH GP Care Group CIC (founder member), Bromley by Bow Centre, Maya Productions (Hackney) and as Chair of the National Association of Neighbourhood Management. I also have experience as a school Governor in East London. Through my involvement with these organisations I am aware of many aspects of charity law, company law and the legislation governing voluntary organisations.

Over the past seven years as a THCVS Trustee, I have taken on several key responsibilities including Chair of the Finance Sub-Committee, Vice Chair, and more recently as a member of the HR Sub-Committee. If re-elected, I hope to continue contributing to the future development of THCVS, ensuring continuity while also supporting and assisting new trustees as they grow into their roles.

More broadly, I remain passionate about highlighting the essential role even the smallest voluntary organisations play in improving the lives of local residents—particularly when given the right support and resources.

### **Selina Uddin**

Having served on the THCVS board for the past 6 years, I would welcome the opportunity to stand for re-election. I have worked in the voluntary and corporate social responsibility sector for over 18 years and have lived in the borough all my life.

I am currently the Social Impact Manager at Royal London Group, a mutual insurance company. My role is to ensure our charity and social enterprise partnerships are impactful and of mutual benefit for all involved with a particular focus on financial resilience for our partners. Before this role I was the Community Manager for the Broadgate Estate at property company British Land. The Broadgate estate, comprising of business and retail occupiers, is British Land's largest London campus spanning 33 acres and bordering Tower Hamlets, Hackney, and Islington. My role was to connect with local schools, charities, and social enterprises to ensure local people benefit from all the opportunities across Broadgate. During my time here, I organised Broadgate's first ever Open Iftar with The Ramadan Tent Project, having over 200 local people

attend and break fast together in a setting they wouldn't otherwise venture into was a powerful moment.

In my previous role as Director of Community and Education at the East London Business Alliance (ELBA), I had the pleasure of working with several charity and voluntary organisations, from grassroots to national and with a range of focus and purpose. My role was to build connections and bring together businesses and local communities to add value and increase the capacity of the voluntary sector.

In my time as a trustee so far, I have been involved in CEO and trustee recruitment, operations committee, membership working group, and working with the CEO building on our governance; looking at our resources, strengths and where we can make further progress. This led to creating a different governance structure so that THCVS board can be more agile and reactive to the challenges we face. I hope to continue this work should I be re-elected.

## **Trustees for election (previously co-opted)**

### **Femi Akindeji**

I am enthusiastic about the mission of THCVS and committed to supporting its continued impact across the Tower Hamlets community. With experience in risk management and prior trustee role, I bring practical skills in governance, oversight, and finance, as well as a thoughtful approach to decision-making.

Since becoming involved with THCVS, I have seen firsthand the vital role it plays in supporting local voluntary and community organisations. If elected, I will work to support the strategic direction and sustainability of THCVS, continuing engagement with local stakeholders, and ensure we remain responsive to the needs of the community we serve.

Thank you for considering my candidacy. I would be honoured to contribute to the future growth and success of THCVS.

### **Dayna Ambris**

My name is Dayna Ambris, and I am excited to announce my candidacy for a board position with Tower Hamlets CVS. As a proud East London native, I am deeply passionate about driving positive change within our community. Throughout my career, I have been dedicated to

supporting and creating opportunities for the people and nonprofit organisations of Tower Hamlets and beyond.

With a robust background in the voluntary sector and corporate responsibility within the private sector, I believe I am well-prepared to effectively serve and represent your interests. My current day job focuses on enhancing the employee experience within my organization, fostering an environment that prioritizes an employee-first culture. I am eager to bring this expertise to THCVS, ensuring that the workforce feels motivated and well-equipped to support their clients and make a meaningful impact in the borough.

### **Michael Omolola**

Michael Olutayo Omolola is an ordained Pastor of Christ Apostolic Church CAC, a Nigerian indigenous pentecostal mission that started over a hundred years ago, and has branches all over the world.

Michael entered into ministry at a young age of 18 years and became a lecturer in one of CAC seminaries. In 2003 relocated to United kingdom. Michael is a Trustee of Christ Apostolic Church, East London Assembly and a member of several departments in the church.

Michael Omolola is an experienced in various fields: former Recruitment Officer with Medirest, a Hospitality company; former Deputy Store Manager in Aldi, an experienced Healthcare Support Staff, and currently working alongside his wife in her Home Care company.

Michael has obtained certificates in Leadership. Though he lives in Islington, he has been serving in Christ Apostolic Church, East London, with Reverend James Olanipekun, in the last eight years.

In his spare time, Michael plays and teaches musical instruments, including keyboard, bass guitar, and drums.

Michael is married to Jumoke, A registered General Nurse and Occupational Health Nurse, and are blessed with four beautiful children, who also actively serve in the Youth and young adults department of our church.