

**Name** Sue Ormerod

**Role** Non-Executive Director/Trustee

Sue is Regional Director for Nigel Wright, a regional recruitment business specialising in the North of England, and has worked with the company since 2002. In addition to being a non-executive director with NEAT, Sue has other voluntary interests and is a governor at a North Tyneside primary school, an Enterprise Advisor and Founder/Board member of a digital network group.



### Why did you become a non-executive director/trustee with NEAT?

I was approached by another NEAT director, who was aware that I may have the skill set that the board was seeking, and asked if it would be something I was interested in. I didn't know if it was something I could do, but after having conversations with staff at NEAT and the chair of the trust board, I realised that my background and experience would enable me to contribute to the board. I was born in Newcastle, have lived in Heaton and worked in the city for many years and I have a strong understanding of the local community and wanted the opportunity to get involved in making a difference.

### What do you enjoy about being a non-executive director/trustee?

I enjoy all aspects of being a director. It's great to be involved and connected to the trust and schools. I really enjoy being a part of a trust that provides a positive outlook, education and support to their families, staff and community. It's inspiring to see the hard work of all the staff within the trust, and the passion and enthusiasm that runs throughout the trust and its schools.

### How does the trust board work together as a team?

The board works well together as a team because we bring a range of perspectives together from our extensive range of skills, knowledge and experience due to our business background and personal lives. We have a good knowledge and understanding of the challenges faced and a clear view of the goals we would like to achieve. We use our collective knowledge in a non-judgmental, supportive and professional way.

### What do you feel that you contribute to the trust and its schools?

I am a logical, curious person and because of my job, I have an understanding of a wide range of regional business visions and long-term aims and can think of a clear, strategic path to reach our goals. I understand the trust values, and fully believe in them myself. From my professional role in business, I can establish connections between the trust and external companies, and bring opportunities to the trust and schools.

### What makes NEAT a great place to be a non-executive director/trustee?

NEAT is a great place to be a director because of the people, the drive, the commitment and the determination to do the right thing for everyone. It's a supportive environment where everyone wants the best for each other.

### Why would you encourage someone to become a non-executive director with NEAT?

Being a director for NEAT is rewarding, inclusive and collaborative where you have the experience to work with tremendous individuals who want everyone to succeed. If you would like to make a difference for our young people, I'd encourage you to become a non-executive director with NEAT.