

Short Biographies of SLACC Trustees 2021-22

Robin Cope



Robin is based in Kendal where I am chair of the finance sub-committee for the Kendal Alms Houses, and chair of Hay Bridge Nature Reserve. In addition, I am currently treasurer of South Lakeland Action on Climate Change Transition Town – (SLACC-tt) and I was treasurer of the Eden & South Lakeland Credit Union (the credit union merged with Affinity). I am also the examiner for the Kendal Civic Society accounts and I am a trustee of Manna House in Kendal where I am also team leader for one of their Winter Shelters. I worked in the charity sector at London Advice Services Alliance as a Project Manager and with Homeless Link as their Head of Information. I was also the CEO of the Lancaster & Morecambe CVS and was a director of a sales and marketing company that worked with a multitude of publishers, including Age UK and CPAG. As a volunteer, I was a Samaritan for fifteen years and one of their deputy-directors. I currently work for the National Trust and a book business in Kendal.

Sally Fleming



Sally has lived in the Lake District since 2003 and joined the Board of Trustees of SLACC in 2016 through a desire to contribute her professional skills and passion to address Climate Change within her local community. She is a self-employed consultant in the field of leadership and organizational development working with global brands. She has undertaken study in Business Sustainability and her professional work increasingly involves supporting leaders to create systems change within their organisations. (E.g. National Grid Sustainability Team and Net Zero, Forward Institute building a movement of Responsible Leadership). She has a previous career in Environmental Management.

Angela Lovett



Angela has a work background as a developmental psychologist and teacher. She has been for many years an activist in the areas broadly summarised as peace and justice and is particularly interested in the way environmental issues intersect with such matters. She joined SLACC's trustees four years ago. She would like to continue as trustee, hoping to contribute to governance and continuing policy development.

Quentin Merritt



Quentin lives in Kendal and has a background in higher education (lecturing in sustainability) and community development. After moving to Cumbria in 1999, he worked for Action with Communities in Cumbria, the Lake District National Park Authority and the University of Cumbria. He now runs a small consultancy that specialises in community and environmental projects and works part-time for the Open University. He has been a member of SLACC since 2019 and a trustee since 2020. He is also a director of Burneside Community Energy. In his free time, Quentin loves running, walking, cycling and swimming in the Lakes.

Duncan Pollard



Duncan is a Chartered Forester. He worked in the forest industry in various countries, before spending almost ten years at WWF, the conservation organisation. Latterly he worked ten years at Nestlé, driving the sustainability work, at board level, on topics as diverse as deforestation, rural development, food loss & waste, plastics and climate.

Duncan is the founder of Duncan Pollard & Associates. He divides his time between paid and pro-bono consultancy; supporting two charities & a small start-up company; and enjoying the national parks and areas of outstanding natural beauty across the North of England. Since joining SLACC he has helped in the Waste into Wellbeing project.

Chris Rowley



Chris worked as a teacher and then as a teacher trainer at Charlotte Mason College Ambleside and, subsequently, Cumbria University. After specialising in geography and environmental education he moved increasingly towards the early development of “philosophy for children” using story and questioning as an approach to learning. He has been a member of SLACC since it began in 2008 and, after retiring in 2011, has been active various projects including use of the bike generator to promote energy awareness. In his spare time Chris enjoys cycling and walking as well as his allotment. Since May 2018 Chris has been a Green Party town councillor for Kendal Strickland in which role he was involved in the development of the Citizens Jury as well as sitting on Environment & Highways; Planning; Kendal in Bloom and Allotment committees.

Carole Wood



Carole Wood has a background in public health, and has worked in several senior NHS and local government posts in Cumbria and the North East. Since retiring from the full-time post of Director of Public Health in Gateshead Council in 2016, she has worked as a part time freelance consultant, supporting the assurance of standards for public health registration in the UK. She has previously worked in the Cumbria voluntary sector in a capacity building / management development role and held various health-related posts in Australia and New Zealand. Over the past few years Carole has had a growing interest in addressing climate change, sustainability and tackling biodiversity loss and well as promoting community wellbeing and action. She has found there is much common ground with the values and actions needed to improve public health. Carole lives in Kendal and enjoys singing and playing the ukulele, cooking, being active outdoors, and spending time with family and small grandchildren.