

**Councillor Jos Clark,  
Executive Member for Children's Services, Bristol City Council**

Cllr Jos Clark was elected as a Liberal Democrat Councillor in May 2003 for the Hengrove Ward and became Executive Member for Children's Services in May 2005. Prior to becoming a Councillor she was a Social Worker and has a Degree, a post Graduate Diploma in Social Work, Masters in Social Work and a Certificate in Housing Management. She is a Governor at Hengrove School and has a 5-year-old son who attends a Bristol School.

Her portfolio has covered

The implementation of Children's Act legislation encouraging integrated planning commissioning and delivery of services with a strong focus on raising attainment prioritising attendance and raising the profile.

Working with the DfES on Academies programme challenging the culture of educational under attainment and delivering real improvements in standards in disadvantaged areas.

Reshaping and refocusing on Children's Social Services in the light of the overspent in Social Services.

**Prof Peter Clegg**

Peter Clegg is a Senior Partner with Feilden Clegg Bradley, having established the practice with Richard Feilden in 1978. Educated at Cambridge and Yale, he is a Visiting Professor at the University of Bath. He has more than 25 years' experience in low energy architecture and is actively involved in research and environmental design. He was elected Chair of the South West Design Review Panel in August 2005, part of a new national initiative to provide expert reviews of development proposals. He was elected to the board of TRADA from 2002 - 2005 and has also served as a member of the National Trust's Architecture Panel. In September 2005 Peter was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Oxford Brookes University.

Peter was partner in charge on schemes for the Yorkshire Sculpture Park and Painshill Park and the new Central Office for the National Trust in Swindon. Current projects include academic and residential facilities for Kellogg College, Oxford, a project for the relocation of a community of Benedictine nuns in North Yorkshire, the new Quad Arts and Media Centre in Derby and a residential housing scheme with a strong sustainable agenda in Street, Somerset. Current Masterplanning and Urban Design Projects include the development of around 100 acres of Science Park and residential accommodation north of Bristol and a masterplan for the expansion of the University of Bristol's Central Precinct.

## **George Ferguson RIBA Past President**

After a short period in local government town planning and private architectural practice, in Bristol and London, he built up his own practice in the mid-1970s leading to the formation of Ferguson Mann in 1978. He founded the national group of practices, Acanthus, in 1986. He was also a founder of the Concept Planning Group, which planned the successful £90 million Bristol Millennium project, @Bristol, winner of the 2002 Civic Trust Special Urban Design Award.

He has taken a leading role in the masterplanning of the Bristol Harbourside redevelopment, including the creation of the Brunel or Millennium Mile. He has a wide variety of experience in architectural projects of all periods and types, and writes and broadcasts on environmental and architectural matters. His practice has been the recipient of RIBA, RICS, Civic Trust and other awards for both new and historic buildings.

He was a founder and Chairman of Britain's first hands-on science centre, the Exploratory, and is the creator/owner of the mixed use Tobacco Factory arts centre in South Bristol.

## **Dr Chris French**

Chris French is an architect with a research degree in school design who has spent his entire professional life working with public sector clients, designing schools, running a research group which produced briefs and carried out post-occupational reviews of schools and acting as a design advisor.

He has built up a wealth of experience in school design and has spoken on the subject at national and international conferences, as well as advising the DfES and other public bodies on certain aspects of school design.

He recently acted as design advisor to the Essex Schools Service, and individual schools, in three very successful PFI contracts for new, remodelling and extension of 12 primary and 4 secondary schools in Essex.

He is also a CABE education enabler for the Schools for the Future programme, as well as being a trained Design Quality Indicator facilitator and has published numerous research papers and articles for magazines.

He now runs his own consultancy, advising architects, LEAs and individual schools on school design.

## **Sharon Plant**

Sharon Plant has been director of the Sorrell Foundation for 3 years, prior to which she worked with John Sorrell as the London Design Festival coordinator in its inaugural year. Before joining the Foundation, she was founder and director of Aspects gallery, which originated and toured design exhibitions in the UK and abroad, with a reputation for pioneering new developments in international applied arts. She created the Applied Arts Showhouse, with the support of the London Arts Board, as the UK's first independent commissioning service for applied artists and designers. Sharon has contributed as a researcher, exhibition director and programme developer for arts, media and design organisations such as The London Institute, Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, V&A Museum, BBC, NESTA, Crafts Council and the Helen Hamlyn Research Centre at the Royal College of Art. She is an MA supervisor for the University of the Arts, London. Sharon has a degree in English and American Literature from the University of Warwick; her first novel, *The Last Supper*, was published in January 2006.

## **Sharon Wright**

Founder of Creative Wit and an Associate with School Works, Sharon has wide experience in working with school communities to give them a voice in policy development and delivery. She is leading the stakeholder engagement process for Integrated Bradford, the preferred bidder for Bradford BSF and is currently advising BSF bid teams in Knowsley and Lewisham on engagement during the ITN phase of BSF. She co-edits a new magazine on school building design, *Century 21 Schools*, and has made 12 half hour programmes on the subject for Teachers TV. She has written *Designing Schools to Deliver Extended Services*, a good practice publication for DfES and School Works, which was published in June 2006. Recently she has been working on school stakeholder engagement projects in Brent, Islington and Hertfordshire.

Previously, as Managing Director of School Works, Sharon devised and led national participatory school design demonstration sites for DfES in Northamptonshire, Newcastle, Bradford and Sunderland. She also led a DfES funded project to develop a Post Occupancy Evaluation tool for recently built secondary schools, which has been used to inform the new Design Quality Indicators for Schools. She was a member of the DfES Advisory Group on School Building Design and the DfES Exemplar Design Working Group, Evaluation Panel and Forum.

Starting her career as a civil servant and education consultant, Sharon is a governor of a primary school in west London and is researching for a Doctorate in Education at Kings College, London.

Name	<b>John Waldron RIBA</b>
Skills	<p>Design Consultant to : architecture plb.  CABE Enabler working with Local Education Authorities to improve design quality in PFI Schools and more recently on 'BSF' programmes. Instrumental in the development of CABE Guidelines, co-author of the CABE publication, 'Being Involved in School Design: a Guide for School Communities', Local Authorities, Funders and Design and Construction Teams', and of the 4p's guide to PFI Schools Procurement. Contributor to the CABE guide: 'Achieving well designed schools through PFI' Participation in CABE review of DQI on school projects, both PFI and conventionally procured, and architect for the Jo Richardson Community School, used for the CABE benchmark study  As CABE enabler assisting with the appointment of the design advisers, evaluation of PQQ and ITN documents and discussions with the short-listed consortia.  Responsible for preparing feasibility work, exemplar/relevant designs Local Education Authorities.  Established Education Design Network, a group of architectural practices involved in school design, sharing resources, skills and experience</p>
Education Experience	<p>CABE Enabler:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lewisham Grouped Schools PFI</li> </ul> <p>Feasibility studies and procurement advice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Portsmouth City Council</li> <li>▪ London Borough of Greenwich</li> </ul> <p>PFI schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Peacehaven Grouped Schools</li> <li>▪ Braking Schools</li> </ul> <p>BSF schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bradford BSF with Education Design Network</li> </ul> <p>Other live or built schools projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Les Nicolles integrated Secondary and Special Needs School, Guernsey</li> <li>▪ Tanbridge House School, Horsham, West Sussex - RIBA Award</li> <li>▪ Jersey College for Girls Preparatory School - RIBA Award</li> <li>▪ Jersey College for Girls Campus</li> <li>▪ Victoria College/JCG Art Design and Technology Centre</li> <li>▪ Victoria College/JCG Sports Centre</li> <li>▪ Haute Vallée Secondary School, Jersey</li> <li>▪ White Swan Student residences, Portsmouth</li> <li>▪ The Traill Building, Lord Mayor Treloar College, (special needs)</li> </ul>
Other Relevant Experience	<p>Founder member and past chair of the RIBA Client Forum for Schools, established to create a forum for exchange of opinion between public and private clients, school users and architects  January 2005 – December 2006: sabbatical studying school design in Africa, the USA. Australia and New Zealand, pacific Asia and north India</p>
Qualifications	<p>Diploma in Architecture Chartered Member of the Royal Institute of British Architects</p>