

FRANK NORRIS MBE FCCT

EDUCATION AND SKILLS ADVISER

OBJECTIVE

To utilise the extensive experience, skill and awareness I have gained to support improvements in life chances for children less fortunate than others.

CURRENT ROLES

Adviser to Northern Powerhouse Partnership on education including skills

Vice Chair of Liverpool Education Board

Advisory Board member of InnovateHer, a not-for-profit organization committed to preparing girls for the tech industry and the tech industry for girls.

Trustee and Chair of Finance and Resources at Great Academies and Education Trust in North-East Manchester

EXPERIENCE

Former Independent Chair of Blackpool Education Improvement Board (Feb 2020 – February 2024).

Former Chair of Priority Education Investment Area Board (July 2022 – November 2023).

September 2019: Stood down from CEO role at Coop Academies Trust and advised the Coop Group on education and skills up to 2022.

September 2013: Director of Trust for the Co-op Academies Trust

September 2012: Senior school improvement adviser for Stockport MBC

2001-2012: HMI with Ofsted

Roles included:

- Senior developer of school, Early Years, ITE and local authority inspection frameworks from 2005 to 2012
- Senior manager responsible for Joint Area Reviews (local authority inspection programme) leading nine other inspectorates including social care, health, police and probation.
- Assistant to National Director for schools with responsibility for overseeing quality of three national inspection service providers

1992-2001: Headteacher Lower Park Primary School, Poynton, Cheshire. Judged 'Excellent' in 1999. Undertook one-year secondment to Ofsted in 1995-1996 to develop inspection skills for current senior leaders

1988-1992: Headteacher Millbank Junior School, Partington, Trafford

1979-1988: Various teaching posts in primary schools in Stockport. 1973 – 1975: Essex Trustee Savings Bank

EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Arts (Open University)
- Bachelor of Education and Certificate of Education (St Mary's University, Twickenham)

SKILLS

- Strong co-operator and enabler
- Ability to drive change and improvement while keeping stakeholders on-board
- Empathetic and understanding of people's views and position.
- Able to navigate tricky political waters by adhering to clear values and principles.