

MEMBERSHIP OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025-26

*a) Internal membership of 25*

**Ex officio members (5)**

Nazir Afzal, OBE, Chancellor  
Jim Hancock, Pro-Chancellor  
Lexie Baynes, Union Affairs Officer  
Professor Duncan Ivison, President and Vice-Chancellor  
Philippa Hird, Chair of the Board of Governors

**Lay members of the Board (2)**

Ann Barnes  
Anna Dawe

**Student Members (2)**

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**Staff Members (8)**

Dr Cesare Ardito  
William Aughton  
Kim Graakjaer  
Tom Jirat  
Dr Isabel Monteiro dos Santos Pires  
Zoe Papageorgiou  
Mark Scoular

**Senate Members (8)**

Professor Lynne Bianchi  
Dr Tine Breban  
Dr Simeon Gill

*b) External membership. This includes representation from the Alumni Association (8) and members of designated bodies*

**Alumni Members (8)**

Professor Helen, Gunter  
Venice Irving  
Sarah Jo Loveday  
Calum McGowan, DL  
Deborah Streatfield  
Jiawei Yu  
Ishaka Yukubu

### **Designated Bodies (18)**

Councillor Sandra Collins – Manchester City Council

Councillor Chris Wills – Manchester City Council

Councillor Wendy Meikle – Stockport Council

Councillor Dane Anderton – Wigan Council

Councillor Denise Ward – Tameside Council

Councillor Mohon Ali - Oldham Council

Councillor Jack Youd – Salford Council

Councillor Craig Browne - Cheshire East Council

Councillor Akhtar Zaman– Bolton Council

Councillor Karina Carter - Trafford Council

Councillor Rachel Massey – Rochdale Council

Councillor Ayesha Arif – Bury Council

Emma Bilbury – Greater Manchester Police

Adrian Bull – Confederation of British Industry (North West)

Fiona Campbell – TUC

Steve Connor - Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership

Chris Fletcher – Manchester Chamber of Commerce

Martin Lax, Transport for Greater Manchester

### **Individual Members**

Dr Catherine Alnuamaani, Trinity C of E High School

Carl Austin-Behan OBE DL, LGBTQ+ Advisor to The Mayor of Greater Manchester

Dr JS Bamrah, Senior Consultant Psychiatrist

Lily Barton, Fellow Royal Society of Arts

Erinma Bell, COO, CARISMA

Wayne Bennett, Director at Fairmont Recruitment

Tamzin Bond, Postgraduate Researcher (PhD) at Imperial College London (Alumni)

Ian Brake, Executive Coach

Gary Buxton, Coaching Psychologist, Executive Coach,

Ben Bridgewater, CEO, Health Innovation Manchester

Dr Faye Bruce Ruddock, Chair of Caribbean and African Health Network

Amanda Corcoran, Director of Education, Manchester City Council

Kathy Cowell – Group Chairman, Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust

Ed Cremin, Etude

Rachel Curry, Principal - Manchester College

Lucy Danger, Emerge

Will Day-English, The Works

Sally Dervan, CEO Manchester, Age UK

Stuart Dunne, CEO of Youth Focus (the organisation which supports Youth Parliament)

Fatema El-Wakeel, Data Analytics strategist (Alumni)

Zeb Farooq, Bid Manager, Amentum

Karen Gabay, Presenter and Broadcaster

Russell Gill, Head of Community Delivery, Co-op

Dr Susan Hilton, Chair - Manchester Lit and Phil Society

Matt Howarth, Co-founder and Director, Reason Digital

The University of Manchester

Ian Kerr, Employer Engagement Director, The Growth Company

Jamila Kossar Manchester Islamic High School for Girls

Professor Manisha Kumar, Chief Medical Officer, NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care

Sheena McDonnell, Chair, Northern Care Alliance

Ian MacArthur, Charter Director, GM Good Employment Charter

Joe Manning, Managing Director, MIDAS

Louise Marix-Evans, Quantum

Lisa Maynard-Atem, MD of the Black United Representation Network

Furqan Naeem, Community Organiser, Living Wage Foundation

George Obolo, University of Manchester

Peter Ptashko, Founder and CEO, Cambio Consultancy

Sameed Rezayan, Head of Learning, Education and Schools, Factory International

Vicky Rosin, Numerous regional roles including Director of the Manchester Central Library  
Development Trust

Reverend Ian Rutherford, City Centre Minister; Faith Sector Lead, Greater Manchester Homelessness  
Action Network and GM Homelessness Programme Board

Abigail Shapiro, Tutor Trust

Vicky Sharples, Chief Nurse and Executive Director of Quality, The Christie Foundation

Jess Thompson, Director, City of Trees

Rhys Whalley, Exec Director, Manchester China Forum

Mike Wilton, Chair of Manchester Climate Change Partnership

Helen Woodcock, The Kindling Trust

Jonathan Yates, CEO SORT Citizen's Advice Bureau

#### **Founder Members**

Professor John Garside, CBE, DSc(Eng), FREng

Professor Sir Martin Harris, CBE

Dr Rodger Pannone, QC (Hon), DL, FRSA

#### **Former Pro-Chancellor**

Gillian Easson