

# The City Bridge Trust Committee – Deputy Chairmanship

Simon Duckworth

---

The City Bridge Trust is one of the City's most valuable mechanisms for engaging in wider London society; using its unique resources to benefit Londoners who need access, assistance, involvement, motivation and support across the widest landscape. As an outward facing Charity, it gives the City an unparalleled opportunity to make a difference to some of the most marginalised in our society, and help demonstrate our commitment to diversity and inclusivity.

Having successfully chaired another outward facing Committee, the one charged with the physical protection of our businesses, residents and millions of visitors, I would relish the opportunity of helping lead our important work in this area.

We have a first class operational team, but the Committee always needs to monitor, evaluate and develop the multiple strands of our work, to best serve London and Londoners. Occasionally this means constructive challenge, sometimes just better shaping our response to requests, but always ensuring fairness and proportionality. Committee members will already have seen me evidence this approach at every meeting of CBT.

My experience as both a private sector and Government Non-Executive Director means that I am used to engaging with organisations and their staff at every level and, in this role, those skills are just as important as those required to help ensure good governance and accountability.

As a Trustee of both a small City focused charity making small grants to young people and a much larger national charity giving some £5M of annual support across a wide spectrum of charitable activities, I think I am well placed to understand the challenges we face, and make a genuinely positive contribution to our work and future.

Alison Gowman

---

I would like to become Deputy Chairman in order to serve further the Trust that has been so influential in providing help across the Capital.

I have been a charity trustee of many charities including those helping the homeless, alcoholics and young people in trouble with the law and three Museums. I therefore have a hands-on understanding of the challenges of small and large charities. One of the Museums received a grant from the City Bridge Trust (prior to me being on the Committee) and so I feel that I have experienced the process from all perspectives.

In my time on the Committee to date I have made many visits to the charities that we support and will want to keep in touch with these and the other partnerships of the Trust in order to solidify its profile and help it maintain its innovative and hardworking reputation.

Finally as a result of my service on the Court I believe I have the breadth of knowledge to understand the Corporation issues and the strategic aims involved in placing the City at the heart of London.