

**MEET THE TRUSTEES -TRUST THE TRUSTEES-PEOPLE LIVING,  
WORKING AND  
SERVING IN YOUR COMMUNITY**



**Chair** of the Agate Trust-Yvette Freestone has lived in Newham for the past 14 years. She has served Keir Hardie community as a governor for 7 years. She was the chair of the Keir Hardie Governing body from 2012– 2017. Yvette has a MBA in International business. She has worked in local government and housing for the past 13 years.



**Vice chair** of the Agate Trust-Bola Awoyemi is the current Chair of Governors across the Hallsville/ Scott Wilkie Federation. Her children went to Scott Wilkie Primary. She has served the community as a governor for over 10 years.



Dave Lee has 40 years of working in Primary Education. He has been an Ofsted inspector and also worked as a School Improvement Advisor for a number of years for Newham's Local Authority. Dave has been a governor at Hallsville Scott Wilkie for 5 years.



**Violet Otieno**– Head Teacher at Keir Hardie Primary. Violet has been a teacher in Newham for 17 years. She has been the Head Teacher at Keir Hardie for the past 6 years- removing the school from Requires Improvement to Good.



**Keri Edge**– Executive Head teacher across Hallsville and Scott Wilkie. Keri is skilled in providing an Outstanding Education to her 2 schools. Keri has served the local community for 18 years, 14 of those as a head Teacher. A national leader who has a proven track record of turning around failing schools in the local community.



**Marion Rosen** was a Head teacher for 27 years working in areas of social disadvantage. Marion was the head teacher at Keir Hardie for 5 years. Since her retirement Marion has been involved in social justice work in some of the world's poorest communities in Kenya, Zambia and Cambodia.



Maureen Perry has been a Head teachers of 3 schools. For 14 years she worked as an advisor to Head Teachers in Canning Town and Custom House. She has experience supporting a range of schools from Special measure to Outstanding



Parent Representative



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<p><b>AGATE MOMENTUM TRUST</b> Agate Street-‘Honour your history to create your future’ Agate- Fineness of grain and brightness of colour.</p>		
Keir Hardie Primary	Hallsville Primary	Scott Wilkie Primary

Agate Momentum Trust is your Trust.

It is made up of the best people who have been serving in YOUR community for many years and are committed to ensuring your children continue to receive a world class education.

The governors at Hallsville, Scott Wilkie and Keir Hardie want to form a Multi-Academy Trust to **protect and further improve** the excellent education our pupils already receive.

The Hallsville / Scott Wilkie Federation has shown that **collaboration works** but this can only take us so far. We need to continue to move forward with a stronger partnership; sharing staff expertise and skills across the schools to ensure all the pupils receive the very best **cutting edge education** required so that the pupils go on to fulfil their ambitions.

The Head teachers (Keri Edge and Violet Otieno) want to protect the outstanding education that is provided across the schools by ensuring the Multi Academy Trust is run by **local people** that know and serve this community.

The Agate Momentum Trust wants to take **ownership of our future**. To manage its **own destiny** to ensure the pupils continue to have their needs met.

A local trust for a **local community**. A trust that is closer to the grass roots of the school.

The Agate Trust plans to become a **hub of excellence**. To showcase to the rest of the country that pupils who come from challenging communities in challenging areas can achieve **outstanding outcomes in all subjects**.

## **AGATE MOMENTUM TRUST**

### **PROPOSAL TO FORM A MULTI ACADEMY TRUST WITH SCOTT WILKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL, HALLSVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND KEIR HARDIE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The Members and Trustees of the Agate Momentum Trust would like to thank all parents, carers and others who have responded to the consultation on our proposal to form a multi academy trust (MAT) with Scott Wilkie Primary School, Hallsville Primary School and Keir Hardie Primary School. The responses have on the whole been hugely complimentary about the schools which is testimony to the dedication and hard work of the teachers, staff, head teachers and governors of the schools.

The Governing Body of each school has a duty to consider your comments when making any further decisions regarding the schools joining the MAT, and this will be done at future Governing Body meetings. In the meantime, we would like to respond to the main questions and concerns you have expressed.

Will school admission arrangements change?	No. The schools will continue to be local schools for local people.
Will SEN and Inclusion Policies change?	No. The schools will continue to be local schools for local people, and will work in the same way as now to support all children.
How is the MAT financially accountable?	<p>The MAT has to comply with the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook. The MAT will have its own finance and audit committee, plus there has to be an annual audit from a firm of regulated auditors. The MAT also has to submit accounts and budgets to the Education and Skills Funding Agency.</p> <p>The annual report and accounts have to be published on the schools websites, which is not the case for maintained schools, so there is greater visibility of the accounts.</p>
Will the curriculum be narrowed to ensure government targets are hit?	No. All schools within the MAT will be free to set their own curriculum, and are expected to continue to offer the same rich curriculum as each school currently does.
Will teachers pay and conditions be affected?	No. The MAT will continue to apply Teachers Standard Pay and Conditions.

Will the values of each school continue?	Yes. The MAT wants every school to be successful and maintain its own identity, and its own values.
How will parents continue to be involved in the MAT?	There will be at least one parent Trustee on the MAT Board, and parent positions will be available on every Local Governing Body. The MAT hopes to attract more parents / carers to become involved as parent governors.
Will the role of the head teacher change?	No, the head teacher in each school will continue to run the school.
Will each school continue to have a governing body?	Yes. Each school will have a local governing body, with parent representation, very much in the same way as now.
What will be the future role of the PTA of each school?	The MAT will continue to work with the PTA in each school, in the same way that currently happens.
There are concerns the land will be sold for development	<p>The freehold in the land is currently owned by London Borough of Newham. This will continue to be the case, and they will grant the MAT a 125 year lease. The land is subject to protection in law, as set out in the Academies Act 2010. The MAT Articles of Association, the school Supplemental Funding Agreements and the leases all contain strict constraints on how the land is used. We consider the land to be more protected in the guardianship of the MAT. These template documents can be found on the DfE website.</p>
Will unqualified teachers be used to teach core subjects such as English and Maths?	The current school policies over the use of unqualified teachers will be continued in the MAT.
Can the MAT make a profit and distribute dividends.	No. Academy Trusts are charitable trusts and they cannot make a profit. The MAT can make a surplus in the same way the schools currently do, but these funds are to be used for the benefit of the children. The MAT is a company limited by guarantee and is not allowed to distribute dividends.