

Meet our experts



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Frank Learner retired in 2019 after 14 years of running his own business as a charity consultant and independent examiner of charity accounts – preceded by a full career as an RAF officer. He holds the ICAEW's Diploma in Charity Accounting. His business experience was complemented by being Trustee Treasurer at the Community Foundation in Wales (a grantmaking charity) for eight years and then Newlink Wales (a substance misuse recovery charity) for five years. As a volunteer management consultant for Cranfield Trust, he has advised on topics ranging from annual accounts and budgeting to internal controls and reserves.



Frank Learner
Cranfield Trust Volunteer
Financial Management



Victoria Dere
Cranfield Trust Volunteer
Leadership, resilience &
change

Victoria Dere is an executive coach, specialising in resilience and change. Her expertise in leadership and resilience means that she can support leaders through the tough times, whether that involves dealing with setbacks, overwhelm or simply navigating the fast-changing landscape faced at work.

Through coaching and consulting, her role allows her to unlock the most resourceful aspects in people, preparing them for future challenges, so they can perform at their best.

Dr David Brown has worked in industry, as a director of a well known management and innovation consultancy, and as CEO of an international charity and professional organisation with some 40,000 members. He has also been a trustee of a range of charities. Through the Cranfield Trust, he now advises smaller charities on governance, strategy and Board effectiveness.



David Brown
Cranfield Trust Volunteer
Governance

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Mike Grant qualified as an accountant with KPMG and subsequently worked in a series of senior finance roles with the Welsh Government and two Higher Education Institutions in South Wales. From 2004 he had a succession of broader management roles within Cardiff University, until retirement. He has also been Honorary Treasurer of two Wales-based Charities and a Trustee of a UK wide Charity.



Mike Grant
Cranfield Trust Volunteer
Financial Planning & strategy



Sam Watson
Cranfield Trust Volunteer
Digital strategy and content

Samantha is a communications specialist. As a trained journalist with a background in digital media she works for organisations seeking to utilise communications to inform, reach and engage audiences. Samantha currently works in the public sector as a Digital Content manager - Building relationships with digital content providers ensuring content is user-focused and meets editorial and publishing standards.

Caroline has been a Cranfield Trust volunteer for the past 12 years, during which time she has provided excellent practical insolvency advice to charity leaders and has provided articles for our website. Caroline runs her own business providing independent, expert insolvency and anti money laundering compliance consultancy advice. Caroline is also a qualified mediator and has an MBA from Birmingham University.



Caroline Clark
Cranfield Trust Volunteer
Insolvency

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Jayne Kendall
Cranfield Trust
Regional Manager - Wales

Jayne has over 25 years of commercial experience working in both the public and private sectors across government, digital, healthcare, education, financial services and tourism. She has held senior roles with Welsh Government to raise the profile of Wales as a location for inward investment. She also managed her own marketing consultancy for over 10 years. Jayne has a track record of leading brand, product, marketing and communications campaigns in domestic and international markets. Jayne joined the Trust in April 2018 as Project Manager overseeing the projects for Wales. Follow @JayneKendall63 on Twitter.

Coming soon!



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