



# THE NATIONAL HOUSE PROJECT

## Speaker Bio's



### **Katie - Chair of Care Leavers National Movement (South)**

Katie is from Warwickshire House Project and is a student. Katie is keen to challenge systems that impact on care leavers through her role in CLNM. She has recently been elected as the Chair for the South Region of CLNM.



### **Saeed Atcha MBE DL - CEO of Youth Leads UK, Deputy Lieutenant of Greater Manchester and Former Social Mobility Commissioner**

Saeed Atcha MBE DL is an inspiring CEO, Leader and Changemaker having worked to make the world a better place for all young people, for a decade.

Having grown up in care, Saeed is acutely aware of how young people from disadvantaged backgrounds can be overlooked when it comes to learning valuable life skills and having a voice.

He is CEO of Youth Leads UK, the Youngest Deputy Lieutenant in the UK and a Former Social Mobility Commissioner responsible for Young People and Vulnerable Groups and Saeed is Trustee, Patron and Advisor to a number of organisations across the youth, health and housing sectors.



### **Amy Lynch - Research Fellow, Tilda Goldberg Centre for Social Work and Social Care at the University of Bedfordshire (EXIT study)**

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Amy is working with the National House Project as part of in the EXploring Innovations in Transitions (EXIT) project. The focus of the EXIT study is to explore how the NHP Innovation is being developed to support young people's transitions from care to become part of widespread practice that contributes to improved outcomes for young people leaving care. Amy's research interests are relational practice and practice in child and family social work research. She is committed to adopting a collaborative research approach and to sharing the learning so that it informs practice development.



### **Jibril Mohamoud - Research Associate, EXIT Study**

Jibril is a research associate for the EXIT study and student at the University of Warwick studying History and Politics. Jibril is excited to be working on the EXIT study because it provides him with the opportunity to provide a care experienced perspective, which will ideally lead to a positive impact for other care leavers.



### **Joel Harvey - An Evaluation of the Psychological Framework of the National House Project** E: Joel.Harvey@rhul.ac.uk

Joel is a registered clinical and forensic psychologist and a Lecturer in Forensic Psychology at Royal Holloway, University of London. Joel's research interests are in youth justice, the psychosocial experience of imprisonment, rurality and offending, and looked after children and young people.



### **Caroline Lanskey - An Evaluation of the Psychological Framework of the National House Project** E: Cml29@cam.ac.uk

Caroline is University Assistant Professor in Criminology and Criminal Justice at the Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge and Deputy Director of the Institute's research Centre for Community, Gender and Social Justice. Caroline's research interests stem from her cross-disciplinary experience of education and criminology and include youth justice, youth voice and participation, citizenship and migration, education and the arts in criminal justice and research methodologies.



### **Hannah Marshall - An Evaluation of the Psychological Framework of the National House Project**

Hannah is a PhD candidate at the University of Cambridge. Her research interests include: child criminal exploitation, youth justice, victim studies, and qualitative and participatory research methods.



### **Ronnie Woods - Consultant - Continuous Learning Advisor** E: Ronnie.woodslearning@outlook.com

Ronnie describes his professional life as one continuous collaborative enquiry and has the privilege of learning from and with some fantastic co-enquirers. A Headteacher for 10 years, Ronnie was a Researcher/Writer/Facilitator at the National College for School Leadership. As a consultant he has worked with schools and organisations locally and nationally across the UK. He was a founding director of the Enquire Learning Trust.



### **Katrina Gallacher - Project Development Worker, Scottish Throughcare and Aftercare Forum (STAF)** E: katrina@staf.scot

Katrina is the Project Worker (care experienced community) for STAF. Katrina has been leading the evaluations of the three Local House Projects in Scotland. Katrina is care experienced.



### **Celeste Berteau - Evidence and Influencing Coordinator, Life Changes Trust** E: celeste.berteau@lifechangestrust.org.uk

Celeste has been part of the Young People with Care Experience Programme at the Life Changes Trust for the past six years. She graduated with an MSc in Social Research from the University of Edinburgh in 2015. Prior to her study of Social Research and Evaluation, she earned an MA in Education and spent seven years as a teacher in the United States.



### **Matthew Walsham - Partnership for Young London, CLNM Peer Evaluation** E: Matthew.walsham@cityoflondon.gov.uk

Matthew leads on policy and campaigns at Partnership for Young London, focusing on embedding participatory approaches across research and decision-making processes. Last year he supported The National House Project and Care Leavers National Movement to conduct a peer evaluation into Local House Projects.



### **Nathan - CLNM Rep - Peer Researcher, CLNM Peer Evaluation**

Nathan is from Warwickshire House Project and was previously a rep for CLNM. Nathan has recently been elected to become a CLNM Champion as a result of his significant contribution to the development of CLNM over the past 2 years. Nathan works full time as a Security Guard.



### **Shawna - CLNM Rep - Peer Researcher, CLNM Peer Evaluation**

Shawna is from Wolverhampton House Project and is a CLNM rep. Shawna is a student, a cadet and the vice chair of her care leavers forum in Wolverhampton. Shawna has a passion for improving the services for children in care and care leavers.



### **Sean - CLNM Rep - Peer Researcher, CLNM Peer Evaluation**

Sean is from Fife House Project and is their first CLNM rep. Sean is at college, living independently and is supporting the development of Fife's House Project through his role as a CLNM representative.



### **Heather Coady - Independent Consultant** E: [Heather@coady.org.uk](mailto:Heather@coady.org.uk)

Heather Coady is an independent consultant whose interests lie in applying human-centred design to social care-care systems. Having both grown up in and worked in the care system, she firmly believes that radical change can only be truly effective when directly influenced by those with personal experience. She has spent decades championing the rights of children and young people in various roles: as a lead policy role at a national domestic abuse charity; as a funder aiming to achieve transformational change for those with experiences of the care system; and as Head of Change during the last year of Scotland's Independent Care Review.



### **Mark Leith - Chair of Trustees, The National House Project**

Mark has a passion for helping young people achieve their ambitions. He joined the National House Project as a Trustee in May 2020 and has recently taken on the role of Chair. Mark has worked in social housing for over 25 years in a variety of roles including homelessness, strategy and senior management. He currently works as a policy advisor with Greater Manchester Housing Providers, a partnership of social housing providers that works across the Greater Manchester region, leading on health & housing, the future of young people and care leavers. With a history of volunteering with a range of organisations Mark is also a trustee for a supported housing provider in West Yorkshire and a magistrate.



### **Mark Riddell MBE - National Implementation Adviser for Care Leavers** E: [Mark.RIDDELL@education.gov.uk](mailto:Mark.RIDDELL@education.gov.uk)

Mark Riddell left care in 1984. As a social work Manager in Trafford he achieved Ofsted's first 'outstanding' rating in the country for care leaver services. In 2017 he received an MBE in the Queen's New Year Honours list for his outstanding contribution to children in care and care leavers.

He worked informally alongside the Children's Minister Edward Timpson on the Care Leavers Strategy and was appointed as the National Implementation Adviser for Care Leavers within the DfE in 2017. Mark also penned a book called *The Cornflake Kid* which about his time in the care system and subsequent travels around the world – including a chance casting in one of Sylvester Stallone's Rambo movies.