

Nelista Cuffy – Community Governor

I have a passion for promoting education in all its form thus my involvement as a governor and educator.

At Gateway College, I am a Community Governor. I started as a parent governor over ten years ago. My paid and unpaid roles in my career journey, has given me sound transferable skills which I apply to my governing role.

My life experience has and continues to broaden my understanding of the intersectionality of diversity issues which I apply in my governance role. Having high expectations of staff and students to delivering and receiving respectively high-quality education, in an environment of dignity and justice, is driven by my equality value base.

My main career background is Education. I taught mainly Mathematics in state secondary schools, but also in secure estates and with complementary education providers. My substantive working years were spent in various senior roles as an Education Officer and Youth and Community work management. My experiences included leading and working with young people, staff, local communities, local authorities' committees, managers, councillors, staff, universities, businesses and other stakeholders. I have managed and been involved in financial management, recruitment, consultations, procurement and research projects. I also have voluntary work experience; Adult Education, Basic Skills Supplementary school education and more.