

Jennifer Longford (RSD Chair) - I've been a volunteer with Refugee Support Devon (RSD) since 2005, working with the drop-in clinic and teaching English to some of RSD's clients. I was the volunteer co-ordinator for RSD's English language programme from 2011-2016 and joined the Board of Directors in 2012.

Before I retired, I had been a teacher and manager of English for Speakers of Other Languages in adult, community and further education in London and later engaged in consultancy in this field. My favourite pursuits include walking Devon's beautiful coast and countryside, yoga and choral singing, not to mention my garden, where I find endless work to keep me busy.



David Mezzetti (Company Secretary) - Social entrepreneur. Former advisory teacher and business owner. Trustee since 2003. I have long experience of working alongside Directors and Trustees in a variety of voluntary sector organisations, with a strong emphasis on effective, collective management. In RSD, I support the outreach team. I'm a big walker and vegetable grower in my spare time.

Chris Hill (Treasurer) - I am a retired Chartered Accountant and worked in industry for the early part of my career both in England and South America. I then joined Action Aid as Finance Director in Kenya, worked in Brazil for an inter-American climate change research organisation and then as Director of Finance and Administration for an insect research organisation based in Nairobi. I became RSD Treasurer from 2010 to 2014 and returned in 2017. I am a keen birdwatcher when not poring over budgets!



Robert Mycock - I have been involved in teaching English as a second language for over 40 years. I've been the ESOL manager at Exeter College since 2005 where many RSD clients study, so I know the local refugee and asylum seeker community well. The most satisfying part of the job is seeing the progression of learners, many of whom have gone from studying English at a very basic level to doing GCSEs and even Access to prepare them for university study. I'm retiring from my full-time role in the near future but will continue teaching there on a part-time basis. Walking, music and travel are particular interests outside of work. At RSD, I've been interested in the education and employability aspects of the service, and will soon have the time to become more involved.

Shurouk Al-Sabbagh - I am a former solicitor and have had a long career in clinical negligence law and latterly law firm management. I now work in human resources for a Devon based retail and agricultural business. My wider family has had experience of the Syrian refugee crisis but I have always had a strong commitment to fair access to resources for all irrespective of the accident of where each of us is born. I would like to see the day when national borders are no longer important to any of us. For the time being, I do my best to provide practical organisational support to RSD and have been a trustee since early 2020.



Ruth Grove-White - I joined the RSD Board in January 2021 to support its communications and media work. My background is in migration, refugee and minority rights, and between 2004 and 2015 I led on policy/campaigns for various charities including the Migrants Rights Network and Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants. I now work as a freelance consultant in the charity sector. We moved to Devon in 2019 and in my spare time I love exploring the beaches & countryside with my two young sons.

Anna Camilleri - I joined the RSD Board in November 2021, having been active in the field of refugee support for the previous ten years, first as a volunteer in different NGOs, and then in a communications role with the UNHCR in Malta. My main skills are in project coordination, communications (content writing, social media, website management, media relations), community and stakeholder engagement, event planning, English language teaching, research and reporting.



John Green – Formerly Chief Executive Officer of local and regional charities in the social care sector. In the early days of the NGO Stepping Stones Nigeria I provided voluntary support to the Manager, before it expanded and became Safe Child Africa. I started volunteering with RSD in 2021, joining the Board of Trustees in March 2022. Originally, I was a teacher and taught English as a Second Language in Nigeria with Voluntary Service Overseas. In my spare time I enjoy making the most of Devon's coast and countryside, as well as following a well-known football team.

Edith (Edie) Fassnidge – I joined RSD in May 2022 as a trustee specialising in fundraising. My career to date includes teaching, founding and managing a music education NGO and producing a graphic novel! I also spent around 10 years immersed in the world of corporate responsibility where I facilitated projects and partnerships between businesses and NGOs. I love travelling and recently spent a year travelling around Europe in a camper van with my family. Closer to home I enjoy running, swimming, surfing and paddle boarding.

