



MacIntyre Academies
Quest Academy

Quest Academy Local Advisory Board

Membership – Quest Academy LAB		
<i>LAB Member</i>	<i>Area of Responsibility</i>	<i>Type of LAB Member</i>
Brin Linsell	LAB Chair / Safeguarding, Leadership & Governance	Co-opted LAB Member
Michael (Mick) Prendergast	Health & Safety, Personal Development & Wellbeing	Co-opted LAB Member
Gemma Batchelor	-	Staff Representative
Adrian Peberdy	Curriculum & Teaching, Achievement	Co-opted LAB Member
Laura Thackaberry	Principal	Ex-Officio

Left in the last 12 months:

Gary Underhill 03/03/2026
Mark Matthews 15/08/2026

Clerk:

Quest.clerk@macintyreacademies.org

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* The term of office is 4 years

Declaration of Interest

<i>Name</i>	<i>Role</i>	<i>Area of responsibility</i>	<i>Date of declaration</i>	<i>Interest declared</i>	<i>Conflict</i>
Michael Prendergast	LAB Member	Co-opted Governor /Health & Safety Rep	16/10/2026	Connections with former Quest LAB members Connections with parents of Quests learners Family member is a learner at Quest	No No No
Brin Linsell	LAB Chair	Co-opted / Safeguarding Rep	17/09/2025	Ofqual - Employee (since April 2021) Family Friend of Learner Friend of Trust Board Member	Yes, employee of Ofqual who regulate qualifications which may be taken at Quest
Gemma Batchelor	LAB Member	Staff Rep	09/09/2026	Relative is a member of teaching staff at Quest. Attends fitness classes with Quest's Principal Connection with a member of the admin team at Quest, whose son is a former pupil	No No No
Adrian Peberdy	LAB Member	Co-opted Governor	11/10/2026	Professional connection with Quest Principal through chairing an education committee at a school where she was previously employed as Headteacher. CEO of current employer is the husband of Quest Principal.	No No
Laura Thackaberry	Ex-Officio	Principal	08/09/2026	Friendship with a Quest LAB Member Professional connection with a Quest LAB Member through former employment and husband's current employer	No No

Register of Attendance 2025/26

Board member:	30/09/25	27/11/25	05/03/26	04/06/26
Brin Linsell LAB Chair	✓	✓	✓	✓
Michael Prendergast	Ap	✓	✓	Ap
Gary Underhill	✓	Ap	R	-
Mark Matthews	✓	Ap	Ap	Ap
Gemma Batchelor	✓	✓	✓	✓
Adrian Peberdy	✓	✓	✓	✓