



Meet the trustees – August 2022

Michael Ireland - I was born in Torquay (June 1948) where I spent the first 6 months of my life in a private nursing home, before being adopted and brought to Okehampton.

I became a trustee of the Charity in 2012. In the 10 years since I have served as a member of the grants committee and as Chair from 2017 to 2021.

Until 2018 I worked in higher education, retiring from my career as a lecturer in the Department of Geography, Earth and Environmental Science, at the University of Plymouth. My professional career has proved invaluable in assessing educational grant applications to the Charity. I am a keen advocate of lifelong learning; in part based on my experience as a mature student entering Stirling University aged 27, where I read social anthropology with psychology. I completed a PhD at University College Swansea looking at the cultural impacts of tourism on people in Sennen Cove, Cornwall.



Jo Morgan, Ross Campbell, Michael Ireland

Jo Morgan - I've been living in Okehampton for 20 years and I joined the trustee board 16 months ago. I work as a fundraiser for a local charity so when this opportunity came up to help give grants instead of applying for them, I jumped at the chance! My children benefitted from the educational grants, and I wanted to give something back. I am enjoying meeting local community groups and being part of the decision process in awarding grants benefitting the town and hamlets in which I live.

Ross Campbell - I was born in Okehampton and have lived and worked here in both the Agricultural and Construction sectors for most of my life. I have always been community minded. Being a Trustee of OUC has given me the opportunity to have a voice to help improve certain aspects of our community. Being part of a board of thirteen trustees is interesting and I must be honest, I find it much more enjoyable than I thought I would at first. This charity is for the benefit of all those who live within Okehampton and the Okehampton Hamlets. I consider we are very fortunate that this charity exists and very proud to have been a part of it for my term as a trustee.