



**Helen Hartstein (RSD Chair)** – I joined RSD as Chair of Trustees in November 2024. I'm also part of the leadership team at Exeter's museum, RAMM, responsible for developing the museum's overarching strategy, business and financial plan, and ambitious cultural programme. I've had over 20 years' experience of marketing management in a variety of sectors, including in running my own business in Spain. I've also held previous trusteeships at Exeter Northcott Theatre and Victoria Park, Buckfastleigh. I love visiting museums (of course) and I'm also interested in archaeology, walking on Dartmoor, flamenco, weaving and crocheting. I'm also learning Latin in my spare time!

**Jennifer Longford** - I've been a volunteer with 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 London and later engaged in consultancy in this field. I enjoy 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)** – I'm a social entrepreneur. I was also an advisory teacher and business owner. I've been an RSD 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.

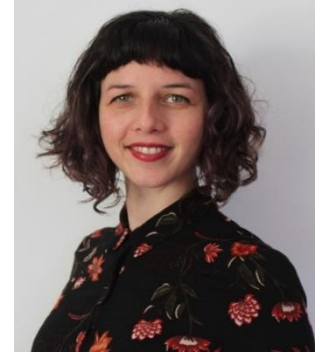
**Robert Mycock** - I have been involved in teaching English as a second language for over 40 years. I've been the ESOL manager at Exeter College since 2005 where many RSD clients study, so I know the local refugee and asylum seeker community well. The most satisfying part of the job is seeing the progression 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. Walking, music and travel are particular interests outside of work.





**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.



**Shehany Warnakulasuriya** – I joined the RSD board in December 2022. I've had experience of volunteering at various refugee organisations locally and nationally for a number of years. Currently I am studying medicine at the University of Plymouth. I am the vice president of Student Action for Refugees (STAR) Plymouth, an Equal Access activist for STAR national and a member of the youth advisory board at Refugee Education UK. I am passionate about women's rights and have spoken at the House of Lords during international women day. During my spare time I like to go for long runs and learn to play the guitar!

**Emma Marshall** - I joined the RSD board in February 2024, having first joined RSD as a volunteer in 2008. I was also employed by RSD to drop-in service from 2009 to 2014. I am currently a lecturer in the Law School at the University of Exeter and my PhD explored access to immigration advice in the South West of England. Through my work I aim to find collaborative ways to challenge the injustices of the British asylum and immigration system. In my spare time I enjoy cooking and spending time with my family (and cat).





**Elizabeth Smith** – I joined RSD in January 2020 as Minutes Secretary to the Board. I was previously a British Airways trainer and conference organiser. I also created a transracial adoption support group in London and volunteered at the Hounslow Chinese Community. I'm now a history guide at Exeter Cathedral.

**Jury Arevalo** - I joined RSD as a trustee in April 2024. I came to the UK from Venezuela in 2014 as an asylum seeker and volunteered with the British Red Cross Refugee Services where my lived experience was able to inform strategy and policy. I joined RSD in late 2022 to support asylum seekers in initial accommodation hotels. I was then recruited to be one of the three site managers overseeing one of the largest asylum hotels in the country. I've developed a good understanding of the UK asylum system, having experience of seeking sanctuary as well as having worked with both the charitable and private sectors providing support to asylum seekers.



**Shaun Gillanders** – I joined RSD as Treasurer in September 2024. After getting a PhD in biology, I retrained as a Chartered Accountant with Cooper & Lybrand in London. I then worked in various roles in industry before setting up my own family business in Scotland. Two years ago my wife and I moved down to Devon and I'm now working in finance again.