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.

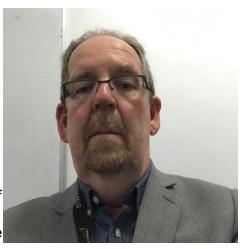
Before I retired, I had been a teacher and manager of English for Speakers of Other Languages in adult, community and further education in London and later engaged in consultancy in this field. My favourite pursuits include walking Devon's beautiful coast and countryside, yoga and choral singing, not 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.

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.





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.





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.

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!





Michelle Lambourne – I joined the RSD Board in May 2023. I have worked in the voluntary sector for over 30 years, primarily in the fields of mental health and homelessness, but I've also worked with RSD over the last 10 years to support their financial reporting. My experience is in charity finance, governance and administration (with a little bit of trust fundraising too). Away from work, I enjoy spending time outside, whether that's in the garden, or exploring the Devon countryside on foot or on bike.

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).

