



Helena Vega-Lozano

Helena brings extensive experience and expertise to RDA having served in roles across the private sector and not-for-profit; and a strong connection to our mission through her lifelong passion for horses, animals, and the natural world.

As a senior Partner and Consulting Board member at Deloitte, Helena leads the Sustainability practice across the Finance and Supply Chain business. During her seventeen years as a Partner with Deloitte, Helena has led numerous programmes for clients, ranging from governance reviews and designing Board strategy and KPIs through to performance management, HR and talent management, risk management and controls, and driving technology and digital change.

Helena is also Chair of the Trustees at Mare and Foal (an equine rescue charity) and is a Volunteer Counsellor for Childline (NSPCC) handling front line calls and digital engagement with young people using the Childline service.

Helena has recorded a short video to introduce herself. [You can watch it here.](#)





Simon Bragg

Simon is an experienced financial services executive, entrepreneur, investor and director. He is Founder and Chief Executive of JSB Energy Partners and was previously Chairman and Chief Executive of Stifel Europe, which acquired Oriel Securities, a business Simon founded. Simon has been a non executive of a number of businesses, including Intralink Group (until its sale in June 2023) and JP Morgan American Investment Trust (where he was Chairman of the Audit Committee).

Simon has taken an active interest in helping a number of charities over many years, including being a trustee of The London Music Fund, Royal Engineers Vocational and Educational Training Trust. He started The London Leg Up Fund, a charitable fund to help young people in London with a “leg up” to succeed and gain confidence. He also launched London Giving, an initiative with Local Giving, to assist and coach small local charities and community groups in London in raising funds and being more effective and financially sustainable.

Simon is a Chartered Accountant and a Fellow of CISI. He is a Fellow of Goodenough College.





Rachel Vaughan-Johns

Rachel will be familiar to many of our RDA family. She is a long-standing supporter and volunteer at RDA, having first volunteered in Hong Kong in 1995.

After her return to the UK, she became a coach at Lackham RDA Group in 1999, then becoming Group Organiser. Rachel was subsequently appointed Wiltshire County Chair and took over the Mid West Regional Chair position in 2019. She is also currently Group Coach at Warminster RDA.

The daughter of a naval family, she travelled and lived overseas throughout her childhood. She is a keen sports player, still actively playing hockey for the Local Ladies 1st Team, sails competitively in dinghies and in yachts, and is currently racing dinghies and has competed in class National Championships for the last 4 years. She swam the distance of the English Channel during the first lockdown to raise funds for RDA.





Barbara Manson

Barbara has been volunteering at RDA since 1992 in many roles both local and regional, having been treasurer and Chair of her local purpose-built RDA centre in Inverurie. She is an RDAC and was Regional Chair of Grampian and Highland Region until June 2021. Barbara has mentored new Regional Chairs in their roles in recent years.

Currently, along with volunteering weekly at her local group, she is Chair and Trustee of an NHS Charity in Grampian, which has gone through a transformational rebrand and reorganisation. In recent years Barbara has created and developed an award-winning holiday cottage business in Aberdeenshire and in her spare time rides for fun and walks her dogs.

Barbara lives in Aberdeenshire and has a base in Edinburgh. Barbara believes that RDA in Scotland has strong support in the communities, enthusiastic and skilled volunteers who are engaged with RDA's work and who are open to training and development. She is passionate about RDA and its amazing community, and acknowledges all the good work which has been done in Scotland and she hopes to continue to develop RDA's presence in the equine community there.





Lindsay Correa

RDA Trustee responsible for Volunteer Development since 2018, Lindsay is also Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Lead, and chairs the Remunerations and Nominations and the Volunteer Appointments Committees.

A professional recruiter and former managing director, with over 35 years' experience of designing and implementing recruitment and professional development programs she enjoys the challenge of adapting commercial business and recruitment techniques to attract and retain RDA volunteers.

A qualified RDA Coach, on a Thursday morning Lindsay can be found at Sandhurst RDA within the historic grounds of the Royal Military Academy.

Lindsay is a Local Authority appointed school governor and a director at Sophie Christiansen Ltd, a non-profit organisation whose purpose is to fund Sophie Christiansen's bid for selection and competition in the Paris Paralympic Games in 2024, and beyond this to leverage Sophie's profile as one of Britain's most successful Paralympians, to impact the Next Generation across para dressage, women in tech and the broader disability agenda.





Emma Wells

Emma retired from the NFU Mutual in 2013 having previously owned and run an online retail and distribution business for Tupperware UK & Ireland.

Her voluntary roles have included running Pony Club for several years, and involvement in secondary school governance since 2007, carrying out the role of chair from 2014 until 2020

Initially involved in RDA as a Participant, Emma has competed with RDA and BD Paras, held the role of Cleethorpes & Grimsby RDA Group Chair and sat on North Midlands Regional Committee.

Emma is currently an RDA UK National Trustee, Activity Lead for Participants and Trustee Safeguarding Lead.





Ellie Orton

Ellie is passionate about RDA and has been involved at Lowlands RDA for 10 years where her autistic daughter rides weekly. As someone who grew up in the area, Ellie even had dressage lessons at Lowlands as a young person herself when she was in the Pony Club. Although, at her own admission, this is not something she excelled at.

Ellie brings 30 years of working and leading in the Voluntary Sector and is currently the Chief Executive of NHS Charities Together, the national charity caring for the NHS and membership body to the UK's NHS charities. She was at the helm of the charity's Covid-19 urgent appeal in 2020, which raised £162m to support NHS staff, volunteers, and patients impacted by the pandemic.

Ellie was awarded Outstanding Individual Achievement Award by the Charity Times in 2021, the Outstanding Achievement Award 2021 by APM, Charity Times most pioneering CEO's, the Health Service Journal top 100 CEO's and an OBE by Her Majesty The Queen for her contribution to the NHS during Covid.

