



Julian Hynd CDir, *Chair, IoD Buckinghamshire & MK*

Julian Hynd is an Executive Director, Chartered Director and NED with a track record for developing and implementing corporate strategy across Financial Services, the Public Sector, and the Electrical Engineering industry that have delivered tangible results.

Julian has over the course of his career worked for a number of recognised brands, namely First Rand; Siemens Southern Africa; National Savings & Investments; Ford Credit Europe, where he led the development of Ford Money, a UK online savings bank; and Volkswagen Financial Services, where he led the development of another UK online savings bank.

He currently is the Chief Operating Officer at Shawbrook Bank.



Amanda Webb, *Deputy Chair and Partnerships, IoD Buckinghamshire & MK*

Amanda is an experienced FD and founder of The Sunflower Group, delivering business and financial excellence to SME's. Amanda trained as a Management Accountant and has worked across a number of different sectors including Financial Services, Telco and High Tec, focused primarily in the SME sector.

Recently Amanda launched a web based community for carers called The RockPool. Having had personal experience caring for loved ones with Mental Illness, Amanda has combined this with her coaching qualifications to create a community focused on supporting the carer.

At the core of what Amanda does is a desire to encourage people to be the best that they can be. Through her role as Ambassador for Partnerships Amanda is actively looking for companies interested in collaboration to bring interesting events and opportunities to the IoD community.



Clare Winter, *Young Directors, IoD Buckinghamshire & MK*

Clare has over 15 years' international consultancy experience as a Chartered Water and Environmental Manager. She has a proven track record of leading on multi-million pound global energy and infrastructure projects including the Panama Canal Expansion Project. A qualified Executive Coach, she set up her Leadership Coaching and Consulting practice, Celox Coaching, in 2017.

She joined the IoD in 2018, recognising the benefits that membership could bring to her and her business and was swiftly co-opted onto the Bucks and MK committee as Ambassador for Young Directors. She is keen to build and strengthen the younger IoD community in the area.

When Clare isn't working, she can often be found on a hockey pitch or sailing. In 2016, she competed in the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race.



Rachel Dempers, *Membership, IoD Buckinghamshire & MK*

Rachel has spent her career as a corporate HR professional with 20 years HR experience gained within the technology sector. She has been involved in all stages of business life-cycle from start-ups, turnarounds, merger and acquisitions (M&A) and downsizing often in highly matrixed environments. Over her career Rachel has also successfully pioneered specific women in leadership initiatives to develop and empower women both locally and globally.

Rachel set up her own company in September 2018 and to ensure that she was best serving and developing herself, she joined the IoD to get the best start for herself and her business. The IoD resources have been incredibly valuable to Rachel, from the Legal Helpline to the Research and Business Information, as well as the connections she has made at the networking events.

**Shankar Meembat, *Digital Economy, IoD Buckinghamshire & MK***

Shankar Meembat considers himself a true world citizen, having lived and worked in Asia, Europe and UK. He has led global teams and worked to create business opportunities across the world at Nokia. In 2012, Shankar started his own Ad technology start-up, that he has since exited. He has also been investing in Start-ups as an Angel Investor.

Today, Shankar is The Alternative Board's local facilitator for Milton Keynes and the surrounding Region. He works with SME Business owners, helping them ensure that the business is working for them.

Shankar loves to give back to the society and community and actively engages in voluntary activities. He is a Trustee at two charities in addition to being a volunteer at two other youth charities.

**Nigel Robinson, *IT & Cyber, IoD Buckinghamshire & MK***

Nigel leads PA Consulting's Advanced Analytics and Data Science Practice, during his 20-year career has developed and led technology consulting/services practices and overseen complex consulting projects in the UK and internationally.

His client work covers a broad spectrum and includes digital and data solutions for Justice, Law Enforcement and Central Government. Before joining PA, Nigel was a Director at KPMG, which followed spells at Hewlett Packard Enterprise, IBM and Capgemini. In addition to Central Government, Nigel has also worked with clients in the retail, automotive, energy and banking sectors.

**Steve Couch, *HR, Health & Wellbeing, IoD Buckinghamshire & MK***

Steve is an experienced Coach and Presenter who works with international business teams and senior executives to achieve fuller use of all potential.

Steve has recently completed three years' study for an MSc in Coaching & Behavioural Change. He combines this leading-edge academic knowledge, in particular his dissertation on Team Coaching culturally different teams, with over 30 years international experience, working as a Big 4 Tax and Human Resource Services Partner. As an expatriate Partner, Steve generated significant business portfolio growth for practices in the UK, and across Europe, from Slovenia to Kazakhstan.

Steve coaches a range of clients including owner managed businesses in transition, professional services Partnerships, senior teachers and parents juggling work and family responsibilities.

He is an established speaker on leadership, coaching, cultural difference and teams.

Steve regularly attends gym classes ranging from yoga to circuits. He is a keen skier and Premiership Rugby Season Ticket Holder.