

## **A few words from our current Trustees**

### **What do you like most about being a Trustee of Changemakers?**

'The opportunity to influence the development of Changemakers to help ensure it balances being an innovative risk-taking organisation with remaining sufficiently stable to deliver its core work. This is the most challenging and the most satisfying part of the role'

'The spirit of development. This is a company that is experimenting, learning, setting new goals, reviewing, adapting, learning more, revising, reshaping again. And all the while growing in maturity. A true 'learning organisation'

'Knowing the contribution we make as a Board ultimately supports the development of young people to be Changemakers'

'It is a tremendous pleasure and deep honour to serve and contribute to the development of an organisation as dynamic, talented and visionary as Changemakers. The opportunity to make a tangible difference to young people across the UK through the exceptional work of this inspiring organisation, is one which makes the role of Trustee so rewarding'

'As a trustee I feel that my finger is on the pulse of an organisation that genuinely transforms the lives of young people. I love hearing about each new project and finding out about the innovation that will hopefully lead to real social change.

The best thing for me about being a trustee for Changemakers has been watching the organisation move to the heart of the action on policy in the last 5 years and to see it massively increasing its influence'

### **What has been your favourite experience whilst being a trustee of Changemakers?**

'Attending the Big Challenge celebration event in November 2009 and seeing examples of the amazing work that the Changemakers do. They were all changing the world in their own way and it was an absolute inspiration. I felt very proud to have helped play even a very small part in the organisation that supports those young people in working out who they want to be, what they want to change and supporting them in making that change happen'

'Attending a Changemakers Fashion Show event at Bath Assembly Rooms. Jane Austen it wasn't!'

'Listening to the Future Leaders Young Advocates present their projects, recognising the changes they have been through and the difference they have made within their host organisations'

'Attending an event where the young people we are supporting stood up, performed and blew me away!'