

European Advisory Council

Overview

Teach For All has invited a group of regional champions, supporters, partner CEOs, and senior staff, to provide guidance and support our external strategy in Europe through the launch of the European Advisory Council. In this pilot phase, the purpose of the European Advisory Council will be to build awareness of and support for our work in Europe, and to provide strategic input with a particular focus on external relations and fundraising.

We have created this group in service of our 25-year vision and 10-year Intended Outcomes, with the expectation and belief that we will make greater and faster progress towards a world in which communities all over Europe are enabling all of their children to have the opportunity to fulfill their true potential if we work together in cultivating the awareness and support necessary to realise that vision.

To maximize these efforts, members of the European Advisory Council will leverage their particular expertise, experience, and connections to raise awareness of and support for Teach For All in alignment with regional needs. All Advisory Council members should embody Teach For All's Core Values in support of Teach For All and our partner organisations as we work together towards greater impact across the region.

The Council officially launched on 28 February 2019 at the 'Future of work and skills in the 21st Century: the need for strengthened education systems in Europe' conference in Brussels, Belgium.

If you're interested in learning more about the European Advisory Council of Teach For All please contact Abby.Huston@teachforall.org.



H.S.H Tatjana von Lattorff
Princess of Liechtenstein,
Teach For All's European Advisory
Council Chairwoman

On top of leading Teach For All's European Advisory Council, Tatjana is engaged in different NGO's and foundations in Liechtenstein and Austria. Previously, she worked for a small Spanish company in

Germany and Austria. The past several years, she has dedicated to building a family and a home with her husband and seven children, having lived in different European countries such as Hungary, Germany, Italy and Austria. Tatjana grew up in Liechtenstein and studied Business Administration at the European Business School in Madrid, London and Paris.



Etienne Denoël
Agir pour l'Enseignement (Acting for Education), CEO; Teach For Belgium, co-founder and Board Chairman; Fondation pour l'Enseignement, co-founder and Board member; Engie Electrabel, Board member

Etienne was a director at McKinsey & Company until 2018. For more than 31 years, he has served clients from various sectors, including public and education institutions. He also set up and led the McKinsey Solutions, Research and Knowledge Center located in Belgium. After studying Electrical Engineering at UCLouvain (1983) and at University of Southern California (1984), he completed an MBA at ULBrussels (1986) and a MSc in Engineering & Economic systems at Stanford University (1987). In 2007, based on the work of the Global Education Practice of McKinsey, he became passionate about improving K-12 school systems. Since 2015, he has been supporting the whole-system reform of the education system in Belgium (Brussels and Wallonia), the so-called 'Pacte pour un Enseignement d'Excellence'. In 2018, he left McKinsey to set up and to lead the not-for-profit Agir pour l'Enseignement which focuses on the successful implementation of the multi-year improvement roadmap of the Pacte.



Walter Emberger
Founder and former CEO, Board Chair,
Teach For Austria

Walter established Teach For Austria after being inspired by an article about Teach First in the Economist in 2009. He has an MBA from INSEAD and a doctoral degree from Vienna University of Business and Economics. He initially worked as a banker

and as a consultant in Austria and Switzerland. Walter also built up seven years of extensive experience in the educational sector as head of the business faculty of Salzburg University of Applied Science, and as the Vice Dean and Professor at the University of Salzburg in the city of Salzburg. Walter first-handedly experienced the chances education offers, he is the first in his family with "Matura", i.e. a high school degree, and a university degree. Walters' passions are education, entrepreneurship, and helping young people finding their paths and developing themselves. He loves outdoor sports and recommends to all readers of this to start their day with listening to the ouverture (called 'Sinfonia') to Mozart's opera "Le Nozze de Figaro".



Larisa Hovannisian
CEO and founder,
Teach For Armenia

Larisa's inspiration to provide all children in Armenia with an opportunity to attain an excellent education derived from her two-year experience as a Teach For America special education teacher in Phoenix, Arizona. Born in Yerevan to an Armenian

mother and an Irish-American father, Larisa was raised on two different continents. After studying International Business & Language Area Studies and Special Education in the USA, she moved back to Armenia in 2013 and set up Teach For Armenia. For her contribution to the advancement of Armenia through her work with Teach For Armenia, Larisa received national recognition by the Armenian government in September 2016, and the Emerging Europe Award for Young Empowerment Initiative of the Year.



Ulf Matysiak
CEO, Teach First Deutschland

Ulf Matysiak is one of six shareholders of Teach First Deutschland and was appointed CEO in 2011. During the start-up years of Teach First Deutschland from 2008 to 2011, he was responsible for the development of a pedagogical concept. Before joining the start-up, Ulf worked as a teacher for German

as a foreign language as well as a teacher trainer at International House Berlin. Ulf's passion for education and policy already shone through quite early in his life when he became the students' president of his high school in the Black Forest region. He continued his work on education, youth, and community in political engagement on a municipal as well as a state level before and during his studies of Education Sciences until he returned to his childhood home of Berlin. Ulf still lives in Berlin, only a few hundred meters from where he was born and spent his childhood, now with his wife and son.



Enrico Mezan
Managing Director, EMEA Equity
Corporate Finance, Credit Suisse

Enrico is a Managing Director in the Investment Banking division, based in London. He has gathered significant experience in structuring, managing and leading the execution of a wide variety of capital markets transactions in all the major

European markets, including initial public offerings, capital increases, privatizations, follow-on, accelerated bookbuilds and block trades, equity linked offerings in addition to M&A operations. Before joining Credit Suisse, Enrico worked as consultant at Bain & Co. Enrico holds an M.B.A. with honours from Columbia Business School and a degree in Economics and Business Administration.



Antonella Mei Pochtler
Senior Partner and
Managing Director,
The Boston Consulting Group, Teach
For All board member

Antonella was born in Rome and went to the German School. She earned her PhD in business administration at the University of Rome and an MBA at INSEAD. In 1984,

she joined BCG's Munich office and became a Senior Partner and Managing Director in 1998. For her role as a co-initiator of BCG's educational initiative business@school, she received the Freedom and Responsibility award from the German government in 2002. She became involved with Teach For All in 2011 and supported the start-up phase of Teach For Austria.



Xavier Prats-Monné
Special Adviser at Teach For All,
Board member of Empieza Por Educar
and Teach For Belgium

Before becoming Teach For All's Special Advisor in October 2018, Xavier served as the European Commission's Director-General for Health as well as for Education and Culture. In this capacity, he was

responsible for the European Commission's education policies and programmes including Erasmus, Marie Curie and Creative Europe, and represented the EU on the Board of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT). He currently chairs the Europe Committee of the King Baudoin Foundation, and he serves as strategy advisor of the Open University of Catalonia and of Astanor Ventures, an impact investor focusing on sustainability, regenerative agriculture and technology. Xavier holds degrees in social anthropology and development economics and graduated first of his class at the College of Europe where he served as assistant professor.



Javier Roglá
Co-Founder and former CEO, Empieza
Por Educar, and currently Santander
Group Executive Vice-President,
Global Director Santander Universities
and CEO Universia Holding

Javier has an extensive career in the field of education and strategic consulting. He graduated as MSc in Mechanical Engineering

and holds an MBA with honours from INSEAD, which he attended on a full scholarship. He has worked at The Boston Consulting Group and co-founded and led Empieza Por Educar (Teach First Spain) for six years before joining the Santander Group, where he oversees the largest corporate sponsor program to Higher Education in the world focused on entrepreneurship and on building skills for employability; he is also the CEO of Universia, a network of over 1,000 universities. Javier is a Board Director in multiple foundations related to education

— among others, he is the Vice-Chair of Universia Foundation and he is a Board Director in Teach For All and in Empieza Por Educar.



John Soleanikov
Co-Lead of the Learning Schools Portfolio, Jacobs Foundation

John is the Co-Lead of the Learning Schools Portfolio for the Jacobs Foundation. He is a Romanian-born American-raised professional with more than 15 years of global experience in financial services, management consulting and education. Prior to Jacobs, John was the Program Director for Education for the UBS Optimus Foundation. He also founded Teach for Romania and continues to serve on its board. Previously, he worked for the Health and Education Investment Department of the International Finance Corporation (IFC) in Washington, Mexico City and Cairo. John has also worked as a management consultant for McKinsey and Company and as an investment banker for Lehman Brothers. He has an MBA from the Harvard Business School, an MPA/ID from the Harvard Kennedy School and a BA from Columbia University.



Ed Vainker
CEO, Reach Foundation

Ed is the co-founder and Executive Principal of Reach Academy Feltham, an all-through free school in South West London. The school opened in 2012, was judged outstanding in 2014 and in 2017 pupils achieved the 15th best GCSE results in the country. Ed is also the co-founder and Director of the Reach Children's Hub which seeks to offer cradle to career support for young people and families in Feltham. He is currently on the Royal Foundation Steering Group on Early Life and was previously a member of the DfE panel on Behaviour in Teacher Training. He was in the founding cohort of Teach First in 2003 and is a member of the Teach First National Forum. Prior to founding Reach he worked for Teach For All, leading the organisation's support around teacher development. Ed was awarded an OBE for services to Education in 2019.



Wendy Kopp
Co-founder and CEO, Teach For All

Wendy is the CEO and Co-founder of Teach For All, a global network of independent organizations that are developing collective leadership to ensure all children have the opportunity to fulfill their potential. In 1989, Wendy founded Teach For America to marshal the energy of her generation against educational inequity in the United States. After leading Teach For America's growth and development for 24 years, in 2013, Wendy transitioned out of the role of CEO. Today, she remains an active member of Teach For America's board. Wendy led the development of Teach For All to be responsive to the initiative of inspiring social entrepreneurs around the world who

were determined to adapt this approach in their own countries.



Abby Huston
Head of Europe Region, Teach For All

Abby is based in Chisinau, Moldova and leads the Europe Region at Teach For All. Abby is in charge of developing the strategy for Teach For All's engagement in Europe, overseeing regional vision, goals and operation of projects while driving towards economies of scale with the implementation of innovative approaches towards support initiatives. Abby started at Teach For All as the Partner Engagement Director for the Baltics living in Lithuania and supporting the programs in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. Previously, Abby worked in education in USA, recruiting and training teachers for underserved communities, and was a Peace Corps volunteer in Moldova for two years. She graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Political Science and Philosophy.



Anna Molero
Chief Government Officer, Teach For All

Anna is the Chief Government Officer at Teach For All. She leads Teach For All's efforts to develop and grow meaningful partnerships between Teach For All and public sector organizations, such as the US and UK governments, UNICEF, World Bank Group or the European Commission. She has over 16 years' experience in economic promotion, entrepreneurship support, youth employment policies and institutional partnerships development. She has founded and is the CEO of a boutique consulting firm that advises intergovernmental bodies on fostering economic growth in European, MENA and LATAC countries, such as the European Investment Bank, the OECD or the Union for the Mediterranean. As the former CEO of the economic development branch of Barcelona's municipal government- Barcelona Activa, she managed 350 employees and a 58M€ annual budget to promote business support, human capital development, foreign investment, and trade. Anna is a graduate of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, the London School of Economics, and Sciences-Po in Paris. She has also taken executive courses at Harvard Kennedy School of Government, IESE Business School and at Stanford University, fluently speaks five languages and is studying Mandarin. She is part of the Board and Judges committees of different non for profit initiatives such as Start Up Chile, Start Up Peru, the Asian based charity The Hub, the Basic Education Coalition, and an alum of the Marshal Memorial Fellowship and Singularity University of the USA.



James Westhead

James is the Head of Engagement at Big Society Capital, responsible for building awareness and helping grow social impact investment. He leads the Engagement Group which includes investor engagement, social sector engagement and communications. Prior to joining Big Society Capital, James was the Executive Director of Engagement

at Teach First and before that a BBC News Correspondent, specialising in education, health and social issues. Whilst at the BBC, James won awards including RTS for Best Regional TV Documentary and Education Journalist of the Year. In addition, James is currently Chair of the education charity, the Literacy Pirates.