

PRIDE IN PLACE MAYESBROOK AND RIPPLESIDE MEET YOUR LOCAL PRIDE IN PLACE BOARD



**Mayesbrook and
Rippleside**

Chair



Pascal Ezeabasili

I am an equity advocate and community leader whose work is rooted in Barking, the area where I was raised, educated, and live. Balancing a corporate career in the food industry with an academic foundation in Aerospace Engineering, I bring a distinct analytical framework to community governance. My commitment to expanding access for underrepresented groups was recognized with the 2024 University of Southampton Alumni Service Award following my work delivering empowering workshops for the Ignite program. Passionate about fostering local talent, I partner closely with schools to offer direct mentorship, build corporate work experience pathways, and present at career fairs. As the former Vice-Chair of the Green Youth Steering Group for The King's Trust, I co-managed a board dedicated to removing systemic career hurdles for youth in the green sector. I unite corporate acumen, analytical approach, and profound passion for the local community to drive meaningful change.

Board Members



Nesil Caliskan MP

I'm pleased to get started with our work for the Pride in Place programme in Mayesbrook Park and Rippleside. Since being elected MP for Barking, I've been calling for additional investment for area. I'm pleased that we've secured £20 million from the government and look forward to working with our fantastic local Pride in Place board members and residents to deliver projects for our community.

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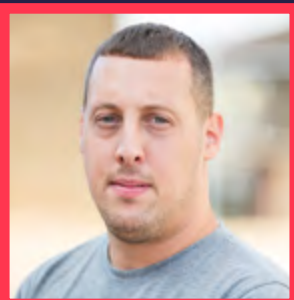
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Councillor Dominic Twomey

As Ward Councillor for Eastbury Ward, covering a large part of the Pride in Place area as well as Leader of the Council, I am looking forward to working with Board members to improve the area and establish a legacy the Board can be proud of.



Councillor Simon Perry

As Cabinet Member for Culture, Heritage and Leisure with responsibility for supporting Pride in Place, I look forward to working with the Pride in Place Board to improve the area.



Tony Roe

I became Headteacher of Barking Abbey School in 2020 and, in 2023, extended my leadership to include Eastbrook School. At Barking Abbey, the school pioneered a leadership role dedicated to raising aspiration and now retains all of its most able students. In 2024, under my leadership, Barking Abbey was judged Outstanding in all areas by Ofsted. The sixth form continued this trajectory in 2025, achieving exceptional outcomes – 33% A*/A and 66% A*/B—having previously been the lowest-performing sixth form in East London in 2019.

I am a founding member of the LBBD Race and Social Justice movement and have championed pupil voice, ensured schools reflect the communities they serve, and actively mentored leaders from under-represented backgrounds.



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Cheryl Kearney

I am the Chief Executive of Sycamore Trust U.K., a charity dedicated to supporting autistic individuals and their families. With extensive experience in charity leadership, governance, service development, and family support, I've played a key role in expanding programmes that educate, support, and empower communities across East London and Essex. I work closely with trustees, funders, local authorities, and partner organisations to improve outcomes for neurodiverse children, young people, and adults. Passionate about inclusion and equal opportunities, I am committed to strengthening services, building partnerships, and ensuring families can access the support they need to thrive.



Seyi Joseph

I am an artist who seeks to work collaboratively to develop and amplify systems that care for families, young people and intergenerational communities, centred around those of underserved communities. Outside of my home of East London, my work has catered to communities in Haringey, Lambeth and Brent.



Monir Ahmad

I am a local resident, community leader and charity trustee with a strong track record of bringing people, organisations and ideas together to create positive change. As a Trustee of Hedgecocks Community Centre, I am actively involved in developing opportunities for local residents, including youth entrepreneurship and financial literacy programmes, accessible fitness and wellbeing initiatives, community events and activities that bring different generations and backgrounds together. I also lead community sports initiatives through Boxers Fitness Academy and serves as Executive Chairman of Typhoon Dragon Boat Club.



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Sarah Robertson

I have over 20 years experience of working with young people and their families in Barking Dagenham. The Founder of Future MOLDS Communities, lead on the John Smith House Consortium and Chair of Trustees at the Barking & Dagenham Council for Voluntary Services, I am committed to supporting residents of the borough to thrive.



Gershom Clarke

I am the CEO of Future Youth Zone, with a strong passion for creating opportunities for young people to connect with trusted adults, develop their potential and engage in positive activities that enable them to become the best versions of themselves and make a meaningful contribution to their communities. A visionary and values-driven leader, I bring extensive strategic and operational experience across the youth and community sector. I am currently leading Future Youth Zone through our 2026–2029 strategy, “Our Future – Launching the Next Generation”, focused on creating greater opportunities, raising aspirations and improving outcomes for young people.



Anwar Hussain

I am a lifelong Londoner and have been proud to call LBBD home since 2005. My career has been rooted in public service, having spent nearly twenty years with the Metropolitan Police, including a decade policing and safeguarding communities within LBBD. Following my recent retirement from the Met, I am now preparing to begin a new chapter in the Civil Service as a Senior Criminal Investigator with the Insolvency Service. Alongside my professional work, I am a founder and current trustee of the Leftley Sports Club, a charity based in LBBD. Through a wide range of community focused activities and initiatives, the organisation is committed to tackling social isolation, supporting mental health, and promoting fitness and wellbeing across the borough.



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Sylvia Myga-Gosc

I'm a Barking resident, Transdisciplinary Designer, skate mum and community advocate, and I've called the borough home since 2016. My professional work connects design, research, strategy, innovation, and emerging technology, but at its heart is something simple: understanding people, asking the right questions, and finding better ways to solve problems that matter. I became closely connected to the community around Barking Better Extreme at Mayesbrook Park and co-led the campaign to save the skatepark before its closure. That experience confirmed something I already strongly believed: community spaces matter, and the people who use them need a genuine voice in the decisions that shape them. I care about the potential of Barking and Dagenham and want to help create places where people of all ages can connect, feel they belong and thrive.



Rob O'Brien

I am the Chair of Barking Football Club in Mayesbrook Park. I am a passionate advocate of all Sport and developing young people towards their potential. I love spending time with my family & playing sport.



Eduard Ion

I have grown up in Barking and Dagenham and I have the best interests in my heart for the Borough. I want to see this Borough make progress in the right direction and I will work alongside my fellow Board Members to ensure we can strengthen our community and make citizens' voices heard! I was recognised for my efforts in helping my school and local community during my academic time at my school, and have been part of projects with fund-raising. My roles include working part-time invigilating, a debate mentor for young children, member of a citizen-led panel – all approached with effort and dedication.



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