



ALISON BLACKBURN NFST BOARD MEMBER

Alison Blackburn joined the Executive Board of the Nuffield Farming Scholarships Trust in 2007. The appointment was to take the role of a non-Executive Director, recommended by the External Review of the Trust in 2006, to provide an outside view on the governance and operation of the Trust, following the incorporation of the Trust as a limited liability company.

Alison also serves on the Board of Governors of Harper Adams University College and has been Chairman of the Board of Harper Adams University College since November 2007. She joined the Board in December 1997 and was Vice Chairman from 2003 to 2007 when she chaired the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Alison has been a Director of the National Institute for Agricultural Botany (NIAB) since 2003. She is a Trustee on the Board of Lantra, the sector skills council for land based industries, a member of its Council and Chairman of its Audit Committee.

Alison has been and is a member of governance working groups in the higher education sector, which are all concerned with the development of more effective governance.

Alison was in the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food for 32 years, initially as an economist but mostly on the policy side where she was involved in the common agricultural and common fisheries policies, agricultural and fisheries research, marketing, agricultural education and better regulation. She also served in the European Secretariat of the Cabinet Office for two years.