

INTRODUCTION FROM THE NEWLY ELECTED SECRETARY OF THE LONDON GROUP – KIM INSLEY



I have known about the Worshipful Livery Company since its very early days as my Father, Captain Bill Allen, is one of its founder members (Liveryman No 20). He was delighted to nominate me in 2012 and on 12 May, I formally joined during a ceremony at St David's becoming Liveryman No 440. I work in education and believe passionately that it is education which is key in solving local, national and global challenges. From 1st October I will be an Associate Professor (Teaching) at UCL Institute of Education, where I have worked since 1997 as a lecturer. I lead teacher professional development accredited programmes at master's level, and I also lead Innovation and Enterprise in the department of Curriculum, Pedagogy and Assessment. In the past this has meant I have done a lot of global travel, especially to developing countries such as India, Pakistan, Armenia and Myanmar, helping both teachers and teacher educators develop. Of course, since the Covid-19 pandemic, international travel is far more difficult, and having discovered the wonderful digital tools to support online meetings, it is very unlikely UCL will have us travel in the same way again. To my delight, this has meant I can do more with the London Group, and I'm honoured to be taking over as secretary from Huw Wynne Griffith, who has done a grand job of holding it all together.