



Richard Wright MBE

Chair

The Sheffield UTC Academy Trust

Member / Trustee

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Joint Resources Committee

Personal Profile:

Richard is the Chair of The Sheffield UTC Academy Trust and has been involved with the UTC model in Sheffield since its inception.

Richard has recently retired as Executive Director at Sheffield Chamber of Commerce and a non-executive director for Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. He is also a member of the National Centre for Sport and Exercise Medicine (NCSEM) Sheffield Board (an Olympic Legacy Project) and a member of the Sheffield Partnership Board and the Sheffield Business Board.

Until recently Richard was also Chair of The Sheffield College and a consultant in the Engineering Industry.

Richard worked for Sheffield Forgemasters (which subsequently became ATI Allvac) for over 20 years, the last 6 as Managing Director. The business had sales of £96m per annum and made high performance materials for the aerospace, energy, medical and oil & gas industries.

Richard was trained as a metallurgist at the University of Sheffield albeit he also holds a Zoology Degree, electronics, computing and further maths qualifications.

Richard's skills are:

Director at all levels in various organisations. Good business and financial skills. Long-term responsibility for strategic leadership. Has rebuilt substantial businesses.

Engineering, materials, medical and computing sector knowledge.