

# Board of Governors Profile



<b>Name</b>	<b>Dianne Willcocks CBE DL</b>
<b>Qualifications</b>	<b>BSc (Hons) Human Sciences Dip M, Ealing College of HE</b>

## Career History

1999 – 05/2010	Vice-Chancellor, York St John University
1993-1999	Assistant Principal, Sheffield Hallam University
1979-1993	Researcher, Director of Research, Dean, University of North London

An advocate and practitioner for socially inclusive higher education, Professor Willcocks' major commitment is to promote educational endeavour and opportunity that engage with the needs of modern communities for social, cultural and economic wellbeing.

Professor Willcocks engages and publishes in the contemporary debate around new learners and new learning styles in higher education and the distinctive role and contribution of church colleges and universities. A social scientist with a multidisciplinary practice, Professor Willcocks' research is in the field of old-age. This includes living arrangements for new generation of elderly people, issues of citizenship, and challenging ageism. She is co-author of *Residential Care Revisited 1998*, Peace, Kellaher & Willcocks, OU Press and is presently involved in academic and practitioner dialogue around comparative gerontological advocacy with Japanese agencies. She also engages in public policy and practice debates around social inclusion.

## Special Interests or Areas of Interest in the University:

Widening access and participation.