

Trustee and Leadership Overview

Island Mind is led by a multidisciplinary team combining research excellence, lived experience leadership, operational capability, and policy expertise. Governance, executive, operational, and promotion roles are clearly delineated to ensure strong oversight, effective delivery, and ethical integrity.

Trustee Leadership



Dr Shawnee (Basden) Lightbourne – Trustee & Chair Contribution:

Provides strategic oversight, governance leadership, and clinical–research integration. As Chair, she ensures Island Mind maintains high ethical, scientific, and governance standards while remaining outcome-focused and policy-relevant.

Bio:

Dr Basden is a consultant psychologist at Solstice, and a researcher with extensive experience across mental health service delivery, research, and system leadership. She brings disciplined governance, clinical insight, and a strong commitment to public benefit.



Kathleen Keane – Trustee, Secretary and Legal Advisor (Lived Experience Champion)

Contribution:

Provides legal oversight, charity governance guidance, and ethical assurance, ensuring compliance with Bermuda charity and corporate law.

Bio:

Kathleen Keane is a legal professional with years of experience in private practice. She supports institutional integrity while centering lived experience in governance processes.



Maxine Brown – Trustee and Treasurer (Lived Experience Champion)

Contribution:

Provides financial oversight, risk management, and accountability, ensuring strong stewardship of funds and transparency for donors and public funders.

Bio:

Maxine Brown is a finance professional with a background in internal audit and accounting. She combines rigorous financial oversight with lived experience perspectives that inform ethical governance.



Dr Ernest Peets – Trustee and Director

Contribution:

Trustee and Director, providing clinical oversight and strategic guidance on mental health system development. Advises on integration between research, clinical services, and community-based care, ensuring Island Mind's initiatives are grounded in practical service realities and aligned with Bermuda's broader health system.

Bio:

Dr Ernest Peets is a mental health system leader with extensive experience in clinical care, hospital administration, and public health governance in Bermuda. He brings deep expertise in health system strategy, policy alignment, and service delivery, strengthening Island Mind's capacity to translate research into sustainable and coordinated system reform.



Dr Daniel Cavanagh – Trustee and Director (Lived Experience Champion)

Contribution:

Trustee and Director, responsible for overall strategy, national research programmes, policy translation, and stakeholder engagement. Leads delivery of national surveys and system reform initiatives and anchors Island Mind's credibility with

government and funders.

Bio:

Daniel Cavanagh is a mental health researcher and systems leader who led the National Adolescent Mental Health Survey and the development of the Youth Mental Health Plan. He provides strategic continuity, research leadership, and cross-sector coordination.

Christopher Jackson – Trustee and Youth Director (Lived Experience Champion)



Contribution:

Ensures lived experience and youth voice hold parity with professional expertise across programmes and governance. Leads ethical youth participation and co-design initiatives.

Bio:

Christopher Jackson is a youth leader and lived experience advocate with expertise in ethical engagement and co-design. He ensures youth perspectives meaningfully inform decision-making at every level.

Research, Communications and Advisory Leadership



Priya Suagh – Communications Consultant

Contribution:

Leads strategic communications, narrative development, and public engagement, ensuring Island Mind's work is accessible and stigma-reducing.

Bio:

Priya Suagh is a communications specialist with experience translating complex research into accessible public narratives. She supports responsible engagement and trust-building.



Dr Jacob Jorem – Legislation & Clinical Advisor

Contribution:

Provides specialist expertise on mental health legislation reform, with a focus on capacity-based approaches that strengthen rights, access, and safeguards within mental health systems.

Bio:

Jacob Jorem has expertise in mental health law and policy, with a particular focus on capacity-based legislative frameworks. He supports analysis and reform of mental health legislation to align with best practice, human rights principles, and system effectiveness.



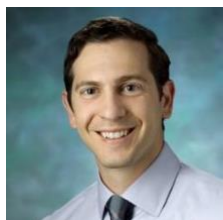
Professor Mina Fazel – Survey and Clinical Advisor

Contribution:

Provides specialist guidance on the design, implementation, and interpretation of adolescent mental health surveys, drawing on her leadership of the OxWell survey in the UK.

Bio:

Mina Fazel is an internationally recognised child psychiatrist and population mental health researcher who leads the OxWell School Survey in the United Kingdom. She advises on survey methodology, measurement, and best-practice alignment to ensure Island Mind's research is rigorous, comparable, and policy-relevant.



Dr Panagis Galiatsatos – School Engagement Advisor

Contribution:

Advises on school engagement strategies and the integration of mental health promotion within educational settings.

Bio:

Dr Galiatsatos is a physician and public health leader at Johns Hopkins University with expertise in community and school-based health engagement. He supports scalable, practical approaches to school partnership.