

# **NEW NOMINATIONS FOR KGS GARDEN CIC BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

## **Donata Invernizzi, 60-61 Kensington Gardens Square**

Originally from Lake Como in Northern Italy, I have lived in the square for nearly 20 years and have enjoyed watching the two precious gardens thrive for the benefit of the KGS vibrant and multicultural community.

While still enjoying a career in banking, I would be delighted to leverage my skills in service of KGSG CIC to connect with the KGS community and to support the many who so selflessly and tirelessly give their time, skills and energy to make the two beloved gardens our treasured natural oasis.

## **Sigrid Thumfart, 60-61 Kensington Gardens Square**



Being passionate about plants and gardening and as a current KGSGA Committee I would like to serve on the board of the newly created CIC. I am eager to continue contributing to the upkeep and the maintenance of this very unique space in the heart of Westminster and to help with the future administrative and organisational tasks of the CIC. Joining the CIC Board is an exciting opportunity to support preservation and promotion of sustainable gardening practices and to engage with residents with a view to incorporating feedback into the CIC's work and ensuring high level of satisfaction with the visiting experience amongst the community.

## **Alex Peter, 71 Kensington Gardens Square**



I have been living in 71 Kensington Gardens Square for two years. In that relatively short period of time, I have grown to love KGS and the beautiful gardens to which we have access. I am keen to give back to our community and hope to be able to do this through the secretary role. I also hope to represent the voices of younger people living on the square. Outside of KGS, I work for the FCDO, sing regularly in several choirs, enjoy cooking, reading, and a post-work spa session at the Porchester Centre.

## **CURRENT KGS GARDEN CIC BOARD MEMBERS – STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION TO KGSGA COMMITTEE**

### **Emma Fulton, 27-28 Kensington Gardens Square**



I co-lead the social initiatives and community outreach to bring together and celebrate our wonderful residents in gardens through events and gatherings.

It gives me great pleasure being the main point of contact in bringing together our residents and making this happen.

The thriving, friendly and supportive KGS community show great support towards monthly coffee morning, carol singing, Theatre in the Garden shows, as well as our public London

Open Garden Days. The Jubilee celebrations and recent coronation events remain my personal highlights.

Resident's feedback *'Amazing community, the first time I felt like a neighbour in London.'*

### **Susanne Gahler, 58-59 Kensington Gardens Square**



My candidacy is based on three intents. I would like to provide some continuity in managing the square gardens and its challenges, having been involved with and supporting the Association for over 30 years. I can offer my interest and experience in gardening, which could benefit both gardens, and the small square garden in particular. Finally, I hope to ensure a smooth handover of the garden key management process, which I oversaw for the last 10 years, but which could profit from further efficiencies.

### **Simon Glucina, 26 Kensington Gardens Square**



I have lived on KGS with my family for 20 years and have chaired KGSGA since November 2018. I love the Square and am very proud of the achievements all committee members have contributed to in recent years, including ongoing development of the beautiful gardens, the flourishing of the garden community, better infrastructure, and our success with securing and safeguarding title. I have a background in law and consulting, have been an exec in the top team in FTSE companies and am chair of a West London community charity.

## Mary Notaras, 26 Kensington Gardens Square



I hold bachelor's degrees in commerce and arts and have worked predominantly in corporate and investment banking.

I've lived on KGS for 18 years as both a tenant and an owner. I've served on the committee for 2 years, gaining an understanding of the challenges facing the gardens. I've participated in several projects, most recently the move to electronic keys.

My wish to serve on the CIC board is driven by a strong desire to see the gardens well managed and preserved for the benefit of all current and future residents. I believe in conducting myself with integrity and transparency.

## Dieter Wellmann, 72-74 Kensington Gardens Square



A professional landscape architect, I am mid-way through a 5-year plan implementing sustainable ecological, biodiversity and planting improvement initiatives. These are now showing through in the Large Garden's health, beauty & social use.

Volunteering significant time & expertise, I engage daily with residents enabling them to feel part of what's happening & the community.

Making the gardens healthy & for the use of all residents means the world to me.

Long term resident: *'Dieter, you are the best thing that ever happened to the gardens and our community. Your care has saved this beautiful garden square'*.

## Wendy Wyver, 70 Kensington Gardens Square



I am Deputy British Ambassador in Ankara. We've owned our KGS flat since 1995. Our children grew up in the gardens – we planted silver birches and roses to celebrate their births. My son Christian Lund is now a keen member of the garden community.

I've served on the Garden Committee on and off for 16 years, as Secretary and Treasurer. My goal in standing for the KGSGA Committee is to help a smooth transfer of management responsibility from the Association to the CIC, and to keep the garden as the united and inclusive heart of our community.