



### **Eddy Wharton – Co-opted Director of the Constellation Trust**

After a varied career of office jobs and working in the customer-facing industry, Eddy returned to education as a Mature Student in 1998. He graduated from the University of Hull in 2002 with a BSc (Hons) in Psychology and then completed his PGCE in Primary Education the following year. He then worked for three years in the mainstream primary sector before entering Special Education in 2006 at Ganton School, an all-age, 2-19 school for pupils with Severe or Profound & Multiple learning Difficulties. In January 2018 he became the school's Headteacher.

Eddy is a Specialist Leader of Education and frequently supports schools with SEND and Behavioural matters, and has trained staff from a range of mainstream and special schools in TEAM TEACH and Safeguarding. Eddy also regularly presents at conferences and SEND events, including at the 'Imagining the Future' Transnational Visit conference in Lithuania and to educational specialists in Sweden.

Eddy is passionate about promoting and improving the outcomes for all learners with SEND and is an active participant in the SEND community and sits on a number of boards and work streams within the Local Area. He is a member of Hull's Strategic Transition Group, the Moderating Panel, Hull's Children's Services Improvement Board, the SEND Sufficiency Group, and also sits on the Yorkshire & Humber SEND Leaders Network Steering Group, arranging conferences for colleagues and peers across the region.

In 2015 Eddy, working with the cooperation of other special school heads and the LA, created Pathway Plus, a Post 16 facility aimed at improving the life chances of pupils with SEND. To date, the provision offers Supported Internships at Siemens Gamesa, The University of Hull and The Spencer Group and has enabled numerous learners with an Education Health & care Plan to enter the world of work and further education.