

TIN Arts Operations Team

MARTIN WILSON Executive Director

Originally from Wales, Martin went to Liverpool University in 1991 to study to become a Physical Education teacher before discovering a passion for dance and changing course in 1993 to a Dance Degree.

Upon leaving Liverpool, Martin went on to study for two more years at the Northern School of Contemporary Dance where a sustained injury forced Martin to leave dance for a short while and move to Brighton to work in a foreign language school.

Martin, along with Tess Chaytor the Artistic Director at TIN Arts, moved to the North East in 1998 and co-founded TIN Arts in 1999.

Martin oversees all strategic development at TIN Arts.



CLAIRE DEFTY Operations and Development Lead

Claire originally trained as a management accountant (CGMA) and worked for many years in the services and chemical industries. Her love of the arts led her to move into a role in HE that provided financial and bid writing support to cultural sector academics. She also spent a number of years in HE as a part time associate lecturer in finance.

Claire joined TIN Arts in 2012.

Claire is responsible for all administrative and financial operations.





HELEN EMMERSON Programme Administrator

Helen started work in Sports Development after graduating from University in 2002, spending a large amount of time developing the sport of Netball in the North East as a Regional Manager for England Netball. Her passion for supporting children and adults to achieve their potential in sport and physical activity led her to TIN Arts where she now puts her administration skills to good use.

Helen joined us in 2018.

Helen is responsible for the administration of our core programmes; she is the first port of call for all enquiries.

JO TURNER Project Coordinator

Originally from Hexham in Northumberland, Jo studied Music at Durham University and subsequently trained for her PGCE. Between 2013 and 2017 Jo worked as a secondary school music teacher in North Yorkshire.

As a pianist and composer by trade, Jo has always been passionate about the arts. In 2017 she decided to leave teaching to enable her to further her studies. Jo is currently a part-time student at Northumbria University on the Creative and Cultural Industries Management MA.

Jo joined the TIN Team in January 2018 as their Project Coordinator - a newly created role following the development of the Talent Hub!

Jo is responsible for overseeing and supporting projects at TIN Arts.

