

## Panel's biographies

### **John Humphrys**

John Humphrys is one of the UK's most-respected broadcasters; He has been described by various newspapers as "the most feared inquisitor in the land" and "the most ferocious and insightful interviewer of his generation".

He has been a journalist for nearly 50 years – foreign correspondent, television newsreader, political interviewer, newspaper columnist, author and presenter of Mastermind. His tough interviewing style has attracted criticism from some politicians, however this has not stopped him winning numerous awards including 'Journalist of the Year' and the Sony Gold Medal for lifetime achievement.

John Humphrys has also written seven books, covering subjects from the English language, to social change in Britain, to food. He has set up his own charity: the Kitchen Table Charities Trust, which seeks to raise money for the world's smallest charities that would otherwise struggle to stay afloat.

### **Jamie Oliver**

Jamie Oliver is a phenomenon in the world of food. He is one of the world's best-loved television personalities and one of Britain's most famous exports. Jamie has had huge success with television series The Naked Chef (BBC), Jamie's Kitchen, Jamie's School Dinners, Jamie's Great Italian Escape, Return to School Dinners, Jamie's Chef, Jamie at Home, Jamie's Ministry of Food and more recently Jamie Does ..., as well as the one-off specials Jamie's Fowl Dinners, Eat To Save Your Life and Jamie Saves Our Bacon (all for Channel 4).

Jamie has inspired people to spend more time enjoying being in the kitchen – and even start growing their own food! His programmes have now been broadcast in over 130 countries including the USA, Australia, South Africa, Brazil, Japan and Iceland. Having been translated into 29 languages, the accompanying cookbooks are bestsellers not only in the UK but across the world.

The high street restaurant collection 'Jamie's Italian' is hugely popular across the UK and the Fifteen restaurant group which he founded in 2002, provides training for young people in four locations around the world as well as producing food of the highest quality. Jamie lives in London and Essex with his wife, Jools and three daughters.

### **Justin King**

Appointed Chief Executive Officer on 29 March 2004 and is also Chairman of the Operating Board. He has been a Non-Executive Director of Staples, Inc. since September 2007 and was appointed to the board of the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games in January 2009. He was formerly Director of Food at Marks & Spencer plc and from 1994 to 2001 he held a number of senior positions at ASDA/WalMart in Trading, HR and Retail. Justin was previously Managing Director of Häagen Dazs UK and spent much of his early career with Mars Confectionery and Pepsi International.

## **Gwyn Burr**

Joined the Operating Board in 2004 and became a Director of Sainsbury's Bank plc in 2007. Gwyn is responsible for Marketing, Own-Brand and Customer Service. She has over 20 years' business experience, including five with Nestle Rowntree and over 13 with ASDA/WalMart where she held various board level positions. Before joining Sainsbury's, Gwyn founded her own marketing consultancy, The Resultant Team. She is currently chair of the Business in the Community, Cause Related Marketing Leadership team.

## **Rosemary Leeke**

Rosemary Leeke is Headteacher of South Camden Community School. She succeeded Huw Salisbury OBE into the post in 2001 and is the first female Headteacher at the School. South Camden Community School is a coeducational secondary school. It is a Performing Arts Specialist School, Silver Award Eco-School and Reed College of Enterprise. It has some 1,300 students aged between 11-18.

The school is developing its curriculum to provide its 14-19 year old students with a greater choice of pathways, including both academic, vocational and work-related subjects. It has good links with the higher education sector and business world to encourage aspiration amongst students. As you know, we have worked closely with Rosemary and the school as part of our King's Cross move community engagement.

## **Cathy Court**

Cathy Court is a Director and co-founder of the parenting website Netmums. She set up Netmums in 2000 with two friends from Harrow to help support families and reduce the isolation felt by many mums. It is now the most popular parenting websites in the country with over 1.2 million unique users each month, mainly mums with young children.

She has a degree in Physiology and Biochemistry and has always been interested in food and healthy eating. She is now in the privileged position of combining her two passions Netmums and nutrition by developing the Netmums food section and campaigning for better family food.

Her aim is to encourage parents to cook healthy food for their families and to show that cooking isn't complicated and doesn't have to be time consuming. To this end she developed the Healthy Happy Family Eating course that has been shown to improve family eating.

Cathy has used the 'parent power' of Netmums to campaign on specific food matters. Notable examples include demonstrating that traffic light labeling was the preferred choice of parents and lobbying for the removal of artificial colours from our food. Netmums is a family of local sites available across the UK, which offers advice for a wide range of issues. For example: healthy eating, where to find playgroups and where to meet other mothers. The local sites are backed by a number of parenting articles that start with pregnancy and follow through to each stage of childhood, helping parents to enjoy a happy and healthy family life.

## **Tim Loughton**

Tim Loughton MP is the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Children. He was born in Eastbourne, Sussex in 1962. He was educated at Priory School, Lewes, the University of Warwick and Clare College, Cambridge, where he studied classical civilisation and Mesopotamian archaeology. He lives in Sussex with his wife Elizabeth, son and two daughters. He was first elected to Parliament on 1 May 1997, for the new West Sussex constituency of East Worthing and Shoreham.

After a period as PPS to Shadow Chancellor Francis Maude, Tim was promoted to the front bench environment team in February 2000 with responsibility for regeneration, the regions and housing. In September 2001 he was made a Shadow Health Minister with mental health, social services and children's health and social care as part of his brief. In June 2003 he was made Shadow Minister for Children.

Tim's political interests include the economy, social exclusion, children's issues, special educational needs, youth justice, the environment and health. He is captain of the Lords and Commons hockey team and a member of the tennis and skiing teams. His other outside interests include archaeology, wine and the South Downs.