

## Meet Our Speakers

**Philip Dent, Director**  
**Service Children Progression (SCiP) Alliance**



As Director of the [SCiP Alliance](#), Phil works with the Board to set the long-term direction and priorities for the Alliance and leads on the Alliance's key strategic relationships, including with national governments and departments.

He worked in industry before two decades in education starting in schools as a teacher and leader of whole-school programmes. He led a multi-agency, multi-phase regional further and higher education partnership and as Chief Executive of The Progression Trust he led research, development and training on the theory and practice of whole person approaches to progression for children, young people and adults

in the UK and in Australia.

As a consultant, researcher and advocate, Phil was an adviser to the Office for Fair Access on national and research policy and strategy, co-founded the National Network for the Education of Care Leavers and later oversaw its spin out as an independent charity. He has served as a member of, and adviser to, various Boards and has a master's degree in research.

**Dr Katie Groves**  
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Katie is the Head of Schools and Colleges Engagement at Anglia Ruskin University and leads on the 'access' element of ARU's APP. Katie also leads the East Anglia SCiP Alliance Hub and volunteers for the Armed Forces Region of HCPT, supporting military connected young people who have additional needs.

