

YORKSHIRE CHAMPIONS GROUP



Dr Trevor Higgins

Chief Executive Officer, Bradford Breakthrough

Background Information:

I am Bradford born, bred and educated. I was brought up in a happy, family of nine in a three - bedroom council semi on the edge of an estate. I left school with just enough qualifications to land me an apprenticeship with GPO Telephones (now BT).

It wasn't until my mid-twenties that I realised the value of education and started studying at night school at Bradford College. Five years later, I had passed an Ordinary National Certificate (ONC) and a Higher National Certificate (HNC) in Telecommunications Engineering. This enabled me to go on and study for a Certificate of Management Studies and then Diploma of Management studies which I passed with distinction.

Many years and many promotions later, I ended up in my dream job as the Regional Partnership Director for BT. During my latter years at BT, I got involved in many external organisations and took on many non-executive roles, including Chairman of Bradford Council's Employment and Skills Board; Deputy Chair and then Acting Chair of Bradford Teaching Hospital's Foundation Trust; Lay Member of the Board of the University of Bradford; Executive Chair of the Digital Health Enterprise Zone and Member of Bradford Chamber of Commerce Board. When I left BT in 2016, I took on my current role as Chief Executive of Bradford Breakthrough.

In 2011 I was honoured to be made a Doctor of Bradford University in recognition of my services to communities and businesses across the region.

Sectors worked in and routes taken:

Private sector	Regional Partnership Director BT; Executive Chair Digital Health Enterprise Zone Ltd; Board member of Bradford Chamber of Commerce Leaders Group
Academia	Lay Member of the University of Bradford Council
NHS	Deputy Chair then Acting Chair of Bradford Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust
Public Sector	Board Member Airedale Partnership; Chair Bradford Employment and Skills Board

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What I would like to get involved in: (please tick)			
Inspirational Talk	Visits to my place of work	Mentoring / Coaching young people	Other (please state)
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