



### **Update on the Eden Alternative UK, December 2019.**

Executive team. The Eden Alternative UK group (Eden UK) provides support to existing and new Eden Alternative registry members through its executive team, Geoffrey Cox, as chair of the UK Board, Trainer and acting CEO, Margot Whittaker as an Executive Director and Trainer, June Burgess, Director, Trainer and Regional Co-ordinator, having been the Regional co-ordinator for some 15 years and specifically providing ongoing support to the many long standing Eden Registry members, Helen Cain, Registration Manager (part time) and Kelly Boweren, admin (part time).

Training - Eden UK provides regular open Eden Associate training courses, in house Eden Associate training courses, Trainer Intensive courses, One-day introduction to Eden courses, and is developing a range of new and additional services to Eden members. Together with its executive team, its current group of Regional and in house Trainers, Eden UK trained a record number of new Eden Associates in 2019, ran a growing number of Eden courses, recently trained more Eden Educators, and has 2 more courses planned to commence over the next 3 months, based upon current demand and enquiries.

Validation - Eden UK is steadily increasing the number of 'validated' homes upon the Eden UK Register and is anticipating steady expansion 2020 based upon the number of new Homes having recently undertaken Eden Associate training (together with those for whom training is currently being scheduled over the coming months and throughout 2020 across 5 different regions).

Over the last 15 years a significant amount of the Eden UK training and administration was provided by June with considerable support from her late husband, Paul, both as passionate Eden ambassadors. The executive team has been growing so as to be able to expand Eden UK and comprises Geoffrey Cox, Margot Whittaker, June Burgess, Helen Cain, part time Registry Manager and Validator (all of whom are Eden Trainers) alongside Kelly (and recently joined by Kathy) as administrators together with a growing group of independent and 'in house' trainers.

The Eden UK board meets monthly (as board members and with others), to discuss operations, current work in progress, administration and develop plans for the expansion of Eden UK.

Geoffrey has been increasingly involved with Eden since 2011 and has responsibility for the running of Eden day to day particularly with new Eden members, new courses and with administration support from Kelly Boweren and now Kathy.

Margot has been involved with Eden for nearly 9 years, initially as a Director of a Healthcare group adopting Eden philosophy, more latterly as a trainer running regular open Eden Associate training courses and having assisted with the recent Eden Educator Intensive training course.

June continues to liaise with existing Eden members and dealing with the accounts in conjunction with Eden's bookkeepers. June has recently set up a new Community based validation process to parallel the Residential Eden Homes programme in community-based home care services. The first such Service was added to the Eden Register at the beginning of October and further services undergoing validation as of December 2019.

Geoffrey and Margot ran an increasing number of open Eden training courses in 2019, attend various exhibitions, conferences and events to promote Eden and will be at the Care Expo NEC (March 2020) and the Surrey / Sussex showcase in Brighton (March 2020), the Kent care show (September 2020) the Birmingham Care Show NEC (October 2020) Devon Care conference (December 2019), the and regular meetings with SW Care Collaborative.

There are some 30 new Edenising Homes seeking Eden validation, and 20 further Homes joining Eden. Open Eden Associate courses are planned for London, Sussex /Surrey, West Midlands, Somerset / Devon / Cornwall in 2020, with in-house courses running ongoingly.

The Eden UK training model utilises 2 Eden Trainers working together upon its main Eden Associate course, with the more experienced trainer as the lead, and Eden UK monitors its Trainers in action in a variety of ways. Quality Assurance is also monitored through Associate training feedback and via the annual update training of Eden Trainers. Eden UK is an accredited Skills for Care Training Provider.

The group is committed to expanding Eden UK and seeing the Eden Alternative philosophy prosper and grow in the UK. In 2019 220 new Associates were trained, the highest number attained in a calendar year to add to the register of over 2,000 UK Eden Associates.

Geoffrey Cox  
Margot Whittaker  
June Burgess  
December 2019