



Anne-Marie Canning

Chief Executive Officer

The Brilliant Club

Anne-Marie is from Doncaster, was the first in her family to go to university and has dedicated her career to opening up educational opportunity to the next generation. In 2018 she was awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours for services to higher education.

Anne-Marie holds a public appointment as independent chair of the Department for Education led Bradford Opportunity Area. Opportunity Areas support social mobility in the 12 areas of the country where it is most challenged.

Anne-Marie was the Director of Social Mobility and Student Success at King's College London between 2012 and 2019. In this role she founded an award-winning parental engagement endeavour called Parent Power. She has also served as a member of the Universities UK Ministerial Social Mobility Advisory Group and as the elected Chair of the Russell Group Widening Participation Association.

Anne-Marie has previously worked at University College Oxford and holds a University of Oxford Teaching Award. She studied at the University of York and served a sabbatical term as the president of the students' union. Anne-Marie is a trustee of the Bridge Group, a policy association researching and promoting socio-economic diversity and equality.

