

# New board member for charity partnership

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THE multi-award-winning Menston-based charity, The Bambisanani Partnership, has appointed Richard Giles to its board of trustees.

Richard is the chairman of the highly-successful Ilkley Town Community Football Club and former partner at PwC.

With more than 30 years' experience in business and finance, at the very highest-level, Richard also has an exceptional record working in both education and sport development.

As a board member he has vast experience of working at national, regional and local level in a variety of settings.

Richard said: "I am absolutely delighted to be joining the board of the Bambisanani Partnership.

"It is a brilliant charity that through its focus on sport and education, has a transformative impact on the lives of the people and communities in South Africa and also the students from the UK that are involved in its programmes.

"Some years ago, one of my own children was part of the Bambisanani group from St Mary's School to visit South Africa.



Richard Giles. Picture: Bambisanani Partnership

"He came back a different person with a much wider understanding of the world and its different challenges.

"I believe my experience in business and community sport can help the partnership in the next stage of

its development.

"Working with many boards in different roles has given me the experience of working in partnership with many stakeholders to achieve results.

"It also gives me an understanding of the importance of governance and the role of non-executives in providing oversight to management.

"I am really excited at the prospect of contributing to an organisation that genuinely does change lives and the way that young people, in both countries, see and engage with the wider world."

David Geldart, founder and chairman of the Bambisanani Partnership, added: "Richard is vastly experienced in working with and developing high-performance teams in a variety of contexts.

"He absolutely understands what we are about as a charity and is keen to play his part in helping us have an even greater impact in the future.

"Richard recognises, and is highly motivated by, the enormous potential of sport to make a positive difference in the world.

"He is both passionate and proactive about this and we know that he will be a great asset to the team as we embark on our most ambitious plans to date."