

## Presenters

### **Dr. Axel Kravatzky, Management Consultant**



Axel works with CEOs, executive teams, boards, and other senior executives in the design and implementation of large scale, transformational change with impact across the organization.

Axel is a graduate of the London School of Economics (B.S.c., M.S.c., Ph.D). He led the start-up of Tet Ansamn [Heads Together] Ltd, the first experiential learning organisation in the Caribbean that merged seven years after its creation with Aegis Management Solutions Ltd. For the past four years he has been Principal Consultant and Executive Coach at Aegis Management Solutions Ltd.

Axel is known for innovative, rigorous, and highly engaging approaches that have been informed by his local knowledge and international experience. Axel is Chairman of UWC-TT, Vice-Chair of the committee on Corporate Social Responsibility at the Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and Board Member of several profit and non-profit organizations.

**Maria MacMillan, Group Vice-President Corporate Communications,  
Guardian Holdings**



A graduate of the University of the West Indies (St. Augustine campus), she was awarded a BA in English and Social Sciences (Upper Second Class Hons) and a post-graduate Diploma in International Relations (Hons).

After joining the insurance industry, she added the FLMI designation with Distinction from LOMA International and became deeply involved in industry activities serving on various committees for the Trinidad and Tobago Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (TTAIFA) and as an Executive member of the LOMA Society of Trinidad and Tobago.

Mrs. Rivas-McMillan is a member of the GHL Executive Board and a Council Member for the Trinidad and Tobago Insurance Institute where she also serves on its Education Committee. She has been a board member of the Canning's Employees' Credit Union in Trinidad & Tobago for more than two decades and serves as its Secretary and Chair of its Marketing Committee.

She is a volunteer on the Communications Committee of Trinidad & Tobago Transparency International.

On a professional basis, she is a founding member and former Vice President of the International Association of Business Communicators Trinidad & Tobago Chapter and is a past president of the Public Relations Association of Trinidad & Tobago and former board member of the Association of Female Executives of Trinidad & Tobago (AFETT).

### **Noel Joseph – Founder and Vice-President, Just Because Foundation (JBF)**



Noel Joseph is the Vice-President and Co-Founder of The Just Because Foundation (JBF), an award-winning NGO whose focus is on the provision of practical, emotional and holistic support for families of children with cancer. Together with his wife, Chevaughn, Noel manages a number of support projects including a 'Home away from Home', the JBF Siblings Club and the JBF Paediatric Specialty Unit at the Wendy Fitzwilliam Paediatric Hospital, Mount Hope. Noel's 20-year career in advertising, marketing and audio/visual production, now serves him well as the Branding and Communications Manager of the JBF. He oversees the creative development and execution of the Foundation's Public Service Television and Radio announcements as well as printed material.

**RICHARD SAUNDERS - President of the Association of professional engineers of Trinidad and Tobago (APETT)**



Engineer Richard Saunders is the President of the Association of Professional Engineers of Trinidad and Tobago (APETT) and Managing Director of Vicar Enterprises Limited, a company providing Property Development, Project Management, Design Build of Sports and Recreational Facilities and Real Estate services. He received his secondary education at St. Mary's College, Port of Spain and pursued a first degree at the University of the West Indies, where he graduated in 1976 with BSc. Honours, Electrical Engineering. He obtained his MSc. in Electronic Instrumentation at the University of Wales, Swansea and a Diploma in Public Enterprise Management at the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad, India.

He is currently a Council member of Trinidad and Tobago Group of Professional Associations, Director of the Holy Cross College School Board of Management and a Past President of the Association of Real Estate Agents and The Port of Spain West Rotary Club.

**Ian Ivey -Principal of NEXT Corporation, the Managing Partner of Strive Partnership, and a Director of Designovators Ltd.**



Ian was born in New Zealand and gained his Masters degree at Massey University. His career began in the horticultural industry and then progressed to roles in corporate investment and project management in Australia and New Zealand, senior management roles in the international energy and environmental sectors in Australasia, Europe, the Arabian Gulf and Asia, and the development of international trading relationships. Since 1997 he has been increasingly involved in the area of future proofing businesses and organisations through the use of foresight and innovation in association with a group of key international network partners.

He is fluent in English and German and has basic French language skills.

In recent times he has been particularly involved with major foresight projects focusing on entrepreneurship, innovation and youth in the Caribbean and Australia and has been based fulltime in Trinidad and Tobago since mid 2007.

**Gail Weekes – Campaign Marketing Officer for the United Way of  
Trinidad and Tobago**



Mrs. Gail Weekes joined our Campaign Team in September 2008. Gail brings a wealth of NGO experience having served in various voluntary capacities with Women's Organisation for the Underprivileged of which she is a foundation member. Her warm personality and eagerness to make a difference contribute to strong relationships for United Way with its stakeholders.