



Allan Leighton

Independent Non-Executive Director and Chair

Appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director on 19 February 2015 and is also our Chair.

Skills and Experience

Allan has held a series of high-profile roles, including chief executive of Asda from 1996 to 2000 and non-executive chairman of Royal Mail from 2002 to 2009. Allan is currently chairman of Entertainment One Ltd, Canal and River Trust, Element Technology and Allbright, the all womens club and a NED of the Restaurant Group Plc.

Why I love being a Director of our Co-op

We are part of a movement that does business in a better way - it's as simple as that. Our focus is clear: to serve our members and the communities where we do business. We have put our Co-op back at the heart of communities and our ambition to build on that is firmly embedded in the plans we are developing.

Our Co-op has always been special to me since the days my father ran our local Co-op store, and it is an honour for me to chair this amazing business. Inspiring young people to make the most of their lives is something that means a lot to me. I will again donate my fee as a director and chair to the Co-op Foundation, which does fantastic work helping the young make a positive contribution to our communities.