

Rich Mulryne

I have, for many years, been a drum kit and hand percussion tutor: teaching privately in my studio cabin as well as teaching some fine young pupils at Mullion Primary School. It is such a great feeling being able to pass on 30 plus years playing experience to the next generation of music makers. I started tutoring drums at Truro College whilst I was a student there; it was an excellent eye opener into understanding the compromise between what the establishment wanted from their students and what the students wanted for themselves. I try to encourage my students to take in as much information as possible and work out for themselves what they would like to do with their learning. I am currently a full member and Level 1 coach with Mullion Surf Lifesavers and as a volunteer I am there to encourage and support the children in the fun, yet physically challenging, drills. My role is also to be a vigilant water 'cover' as safety is paramount; a responsibility I take most seriously. As a self-employed musician and instrument teacher I have had to manage all organisational aspects of the business, including timetables, invoices, accounts, self-assessment tax returns, advertising, website development and upkeep, liaising with students and parents, safeguarding protocols, health and safety risk assessment and post pandemic cleaning regimes. I aim to fulfil my responsibilities dutifully and respectfully. I currently coordinate the Friends of Polurrian volunteer group which aims to inspire and connect the local community with local businesses in taking responsibility for cleaning up Polurrian beach and the surrounding areas. Ultimately, it is for our own good and people need to be encouraged to take up the baton, they have the power and the voice to make changes to their environment and their lives and I champion that concept.

Living in Mullion with my partner and 9 year old daughter, we feel blessed to be in this relatively quiet and peaceful village. It is a wonderful place to bring up a child without the pressures and worries of a city life. This world needs a balance of creative thinkers and doers and I believe Mullion School and the local environment give students a more open-minded and peaceful approach to life. This is so important, especially with the uncertainty of what the future holds both economically and ecologically. Balance is the key word and I would fight to keep that value at the school, yes academic study is important, so too are the creative arts and the young folk's mental health and wellbeing. I believe that that is the role of the school governors, within the MAT governance structure, to be the eyes and ears on how the school is developing its responsibilities academically and creatively; a role I relish.