

## BIOGRAPHY

Name	Michael Taylor
Alumni details (subject of study, year of graduation)	B Soc Sc (Sociology) graduated 1988
When did you join the Board?	2010
Do you have a specific role on the Board?	
What is your current or most recent job or role?	Founder of Discuss Manchester, the home for intelligent debate
Are there any other biographical details you would like to tell us?	<p>Michael Taylor is a writer, fixer and project facilitator, building on a career as an award winning business journalist.</p> <p>His clients include government-backed coaching service GrowthAccelerator, Deloitte, JMW Solicitors, the Institute of Chartered Accountants England and Wales (ICAEW), Daisy Group, Seneca and the Prince's Trust.</p> <p>He has also led a number of workshops and creative programmes for private businesses and is currently working with the ICAEW on Tomorrow's Practice, a research project.</p> <p>In 2013 he has developed an employee engagement and brand development project for a Seneca, a new investment and fund management business, interviewing every member of staff, external stakeholders and running a series of internal workshops and events.</p> <p>Previous to his recent events role he was the editorial director of publishing group Insider and won many awards for his investigative journalism and business commentary. In 2013 he founded DISCUSS, a new debating forum designed to stimulate intellectual curiosity and discourse.</p> <p>He is also chairman of business lobbying group Downtown, a non-executive director of Liberty Pensions and on the advisory board of the University of Manchester Alumni Association.</p> <p>His debut novel, Forty by Forty, was published in 2014 and shortlisted for the Pulp Idol new writers award.</p>
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