

Register your interest to become a school governor

As you will know, schools across the region work tirelessly to support their children and local communities. If you are looking for an opportunity to support them and help shape the future of children across the North East then now is the time!

There are approximately 250,000 school governors and trustees in England – supporting maintained schools and multi academy trusts (MATs), the largest volunteer force in the country. High quality governance has a significant impact on how well a school is run and what pupils can achieve. Despite this, 10% of governor positions are vacant.

You can support your local schools by registering your interest as a school governor or trustee. Contrary to popular thought – you don't have to be a parent, or connected to the school in some way to be a governor/trustee. For the school, the main advantage of having you, or one of your colleagues, join their governing board is the expertise and experience you can bring to the role. Knowledge of marketing, financial management, human resources, or data analysis will greatly improve the effectiveness of governing boards and have a positive impact on the education of local children.

What does being a governor or trustee mean to you?

Experience tells us that governors and trustees not only make a difference to schools, but also gain the opportunity to develop personal and professional satisfaction from the role. Apply your learning to become the next leader in your organisation.

As a governor/trustee you will:

- Develop and utilise your skills in a board-level environment
- Contribute towards strategic planning
- Gain experience through financial management
- Develop skills and knowledge of HR processes

What does a governing/trustee board do?

The school or trusts governing board is responsible for:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school
- Holding the school and trust leaders to account for the educational and financial performance of the school or MAT
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and ensuring value for money

The board is passionate about education and committed to continuous school or MAT improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for their pupils.

What is required of governors/trustees

In terms of time commitment, governors and trustees will be expected to attend up to 6 meetings a year, along with visits to see the school.

At Schools North East, we will support you in this by:

- Connecting you with one of our 1,150 schools;
- Professional development support from sector experts including Schools North East's Annual Governance Conference and webinar programme.

You will contribute to the outcomes of hundreds of children, our future generation.

We hope that you or one of your colleagues might be interested in becoming a governor or trustee at a school here in the North East.

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