

Local Governance in Learn-AT



Are you interested in making a difference in your community and developing your own professional skills? By volunteering as a local governor in a Learn Academies Trust school you can do both.

Local governors are volunteers who play an important role in leading our academies (or schools). They work on behalf of the Learn Academies Trust Board with individual school leaders to set strategic vision and direction, nurture the school ethos and identity and hold school leaders to account. By becoming an academy local governor, you'll be joining the biggest volunteer group in the country – more than 250,000 people like you are already serving governors, local governors and trustees. In a multi-academy trust, local governors have an important role in representing the trustees in our academies and the voice of academy communities in the Trust.

Do you have what it takes? Watch this short film to find out why you should get involved:

https://youtu.be/Oc9U_oR_ERM?si=qcwntovllu_dzafR



Why become a Local Governor?

- Make a positive impact on young people's lives and contribute to issues that you feel passionately about.
- Develop new skills, such as board-level leadership, strategic planning, chairing, financial planning and team working, that are valued by employers and can help your own career development.
- Use your skills and expertise to contribute to making our schools more effective. As a bonus, a governance role looks great on your CV.

Anyone over the age of 18 can be a governor - you don't need to be a parent.



What kind of skills do Local Governing Bodies need?

Each academy's Local Governing Body works on behalf of the Trust Board in these key areas:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction within the academy.
2. Acting as a critical friend to the school; holding the academy's senior leadership team to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils and the performance management of staff.
3. Assuring Health and Safety procedures within their school.
4. For Church Schools within the Trust Local 'Foundation' Governors also represent the Diocese of Leicester and the local Church on the Local Governing Body of a Church of England academy. As well as the above, their role also includes promoting the Church School ethos and the Christian distinctiveness of Church of England academies, including provision for collective worship and Religious Education.

This means that each Local Governing Body needs a wide range of individual skills, attributes, backgrounds and experiences, including:

- Education and learning
- Business and administration
- Law
- Finance and accounts
- Health, safety and well-being
- Premises and estates
- Interest, enthusiasm and a commitment to making a difference to children's life chances and choices through education

Safeguarding

We take safeguarding very seriously and have robust procedures to address safeguarding issues. If we receive a complaint or concern about any volunteer's or individual's conduct, we will follow our set procedures.

As part of the local governor or recruitment process, volunteers will need to complete an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. This is organised by the school or trust. Volunteers will also be asked by the school or trust to supply the names and contact details of two referees.

Learn-AT Academies

- All Saints CE Primary School
- Blaby Stokes CE Primary School
- Bottesford CE Primary School
- Church Langton CE Primary School
- Great Bowden Academy
- Hope Hamilton CE Primary School
- Houghton-on-the-Hill CE Primary School
- Husbands Bosworth CE Primary School
- Lubenham All Saints CE Primary School
- Market Harborough CE Primary School
- Meadowdale Primary School
- Queniborough CE Primary School
- Red Hill Field Primary School
- Richard Hill CE Primary School
- Ridgeway Primary School
- St Andrews CE Primary School (North Kilworth)
- Scalford CE Primary School
- South Kilworth CE Primary School
- Thrussington CE Primary School

Find out more

If you are interested in applying to become a Local Governor in one of our schools, please contact Pippa Darbourne, Learn-AT Governance Coordinator, telephone: 01858 260028 or email: pdarbourne@learnat.uk for more information and an application form or see our website <https://www.learnat.uk>