

We are looking for VOLUNTEERS to support our family of Church of England SCHOOLS and ACADEMIES

Are you interested in volunteering within the education sector? We are always looking for people to support in the following roles:

- Academy Trust Member
- Academy Trust Director
- Foundation Governor (maintained schools)
- Foundation Governor (academy local governing body)

We need people who can offer experience and expertise from either inside or outside the educational setting and who are able to offer challenge and support.

What's involved?

Academy Trust Member - provides high-level oversight and scrutiny ensuring the academy trust board is exercising effective governance.

The following are the core functions of Academy Trust Members:

- defining the trust's charitable object and governance structure;
- holding the trust board to account, assessing if it is performing well and ensuring that the purpose of the trust and charitable objectives are being met;
- holding trustees to account for the outworking of the scheme of delegation and suggesting alterations to the scheme if appropriate;
- appointing members;
- appointing and removing trustees;
- appointing and removing auditors;
- attending the Annual General Meeting;
- dissolving the trust if required.

Academy Trust Director - is responsible for governing a charitable company and directing how it is managed and run. Directors must also ensure that the trust complies with all legal and statutory requirements.

Core functions are:

- to ensure there is clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- to hold executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils and the performance management of staff;

- to oversee the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent;
- to ensure the voices of stakeholders are heard.

Foundation Governor (maintained schools) - provides the link between the parish church and the school. It is important that they have Christian commitment and are members of a Trinitarian Christian Church. Core functions are:

- to set the strategic direction of the school;
- to create robust accountability;
- to ensure financial probity;
- to preserve the links between church, school and diocese;
- to uphold the Christian vision and ethos of the school.

Foundation Governor (academy local governing body) Academy Trust Boards delegate governance functions to an academy local governing body. The functions delegated will vary from one trust board to another and are set out in the academy trust's Scheme of Delegation.

All of the above roles require a high degree of confidentiality. The Academy Trust Member role requires attendance at the trust board AGM and commitment of approximately 2-3 hours per year to fulfil required expectations. All other roles require attendance at 4 or 5 meetings per year with significant time commitment to reading and preparation for meetings.

For more information about any of the above roles please email helen.gibson@coventrydbe.org or call 01788 422800