

Find governors and trustees



Inspiring Governance is the FREE, national online recruitment service that connects schools with skilled volunteers interested in governance roles, including future chair positions. It is backed and funded by the Department for Education. We also provide FREE training and support for new appointees in partnership with the National Governance Association (NGA).

Online matching

We know that schools and trusts sometimes find it a challenge to recruit governors and trustees with the necessary business skills, especially in areas such as finance, HR and operations. With over 6,000 volunteers registered across England, there is no need to go without the right people on your governing board.

Inspiring Governance works with businesses and networks around the country to encourage employees to volunteer. We provide an online matching service to make it as easy as possible for schools and groups of schools to find volunteers in their area. The person recruiting remains in control of the process.

FREE expert support for new governors

In partnership with the NGA, Inspiring Governance provides free support and resources for any governor or trustee placed through the service. This includes:

- dedicated telephone and email support through the first year
- a copy of the essential induction guide for governors or trustees
- access to NGA's online guidance centre containing a wealth of resources
- access to eight in-depth induction e-learning modules via NGA Learning Link



Future chairs

Inspiring Governance can also help to find high-calibre volunteers interested in taking on a chairing role. Volunteers will receive additional resources from the NGA to support their preparation for the role.

Register your vacancies

Sign up at www.inspiringgovernance.org to find volunteers near you who are interested in becoming school governors and trustees. You can recruit for either a single vacancy or multiple vacancies, for one school or across several schools. If you don't currently have any vacancies, you can register to browse local volunteers.

Interested in finding out more?

Get in touch:

National Office

t 020 7566 4880

e enquiries@inspiringgovernance.org

Find volunteers with the matching service

4 STEPS

We make it easy for you to find volunteers based on the skills you're looking for in a new governor or trustee. We ask all potential volunteers who register with the service to list their skills and experience so that you can search for individuals in your area with the skills you need.

1

We get to
know you

It all starts with a simple online form at www.inspiringgovernance.org. When you register, you'll tell us a bit about your organisation and provide information about the type of volunteer and skills you are looking for.

2

You
search

Once you register, you'll be able to search a pool of local volunteers who are interested in becoming governors or trustees. You can select as many as you like. You then contact them via the Inspiring Governance messaging service to tell them a bit about your vacancy, and arrange to discuss the role in more detail.

3

You
interview

If you and the volunteer decide to go ahead, you'll want to go through your normal appointment process to check that they are clear about the role and to check whether they are a good fit. You can arrange everything, including the time and place, through the Inspiring Governance online platform. Please note you will still need to carry out an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check; this is not done through the service.

Of course not every volunteer is suitable, so you can continue searching for and contacting volunteers until you find the right one. New volunteers join every day so it is worth checking back if you don't make a match the first time.

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We
support

If you recruit, great! Let us know and your new governor or trustee will receive access to a range of support and training from the National Governance Service (NGA). This includes an induction guide, and access to NGA's online guidance, and eight in-depth induction modules on NGA Learning Link.

Still have questions? We're here to help you find the right volunteers so get in touch. We'd love to hear from you.