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The school governance recruitment and support service



**ARMED FORCES
COVENANT**

Inspiring Armed Forces Communities

WORKING WITH ARMED FORCES COMMUNITIES TO HELP SUPPORT LOCAL SCHOOLS

Find out more at: www.inspiringgovernance.org/armed-forces-covenant

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. FREE training and support is provided for new appointees through our partnership with the National Governance Association (NGA).

BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING AS A SCHOOL GOVERNOR

Volunteering as a school governor is a rewarding role that provides the individual with excellent opportunities for personal and professional development in an exciting and challenging environment. Most importantly they are also contributing to education in their local community.

WORKING WITH ARMED FORCES COMMUNITIES

Inspiring Governance has signed the Armed Forces Covenant to show our support. We feel there are key service personnel and family members, with a wide variety of skills and experience, who could contribute significantly to schools and outcomes for young people, as well as benefitting from the CPD opportunity themselves. Benefits are significant for the entire Armed Forces Community including for:

- those preparing to leave the Armed Forces as they transition to employment in civilian life
- those whose units are not on active duty looking for community involvement opportunities
- partners/spouses looking for an opportunity to develop skills
- those utilising STEM subjects in their role
- members of the civilian workforce looking for career development.



WHO CAN BECOME A SCHOOL GOVERNOR?

There are no particular qualifications required, and anyone over the age of 18 with the willingness to give time to the role and a capacity for working with people can become a governor. The time commitment is usually between 5 and 8 hours a month, depending on the type of school and any additional responsibilities the volunteer wants to take on.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Being a school governor is a great way to develop valuable skills and experience. By volunteering as a school governor people improve their skills in:

- Strategic leadership
- Building effective relationships
- Project management
- Teamworking
- Budget control
- Communication
- Recruitment
- Influencing and negotiation

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HOW WE SUPPORT PEOPLE ONCE THEY'RE PLACED

We want to make sure any volunteer placed through the service becomes a great governor. That means providing support once they've started. Everyone we place will be able to access a range of support from our partnership with the NGA. This includes:

- a dedicated telephone and email support throughout their 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
- membership of the Young Governors' Network for volunteers under the age of 40.

Our regionally based Managers can meet with people who are interested in a more strategic approach across the Armed Forces Communities. They offer a bespoke service which includes attending family events, producing materials for your social media/other information networks such as magazines, radio and blogs. To find out more, simply contact our Head Office for details of how we can help support and nurture volunteer governors.

"The skills-set, training and leadership gained throughout Service life is directly transferrable to this worthwhile role. It's immensely enjoyable and hugely rewarding; there can be no better way to serve your community!"

AIR VICE MARSHAL ELAINE WEST CBE, TRUSTEE,
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With thanks to Imogen Easterbrook, aged 10, for this drawing representing her dream of becoming an RAF pilot when she grows up. Imogen's drawing was entered into a competition that was part of a series of studies into the impact volunteers from the world of work can have on children.

"We are pleased to show our support for the Armed Forces community through the promises we have made in the Armed Forces Covenant. We know that volunteering as a school governor can help serving personnel, their families, veterans and the wider Armed Forces community develop key skills that will have a significant and positive impact both now and in the future."

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