

Can you see the bigger picture?

Share and develop your experience, skills and insight to help give young people the best start in life.

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Volunteering as a school governor is a varied and fulfilling personal experience which brings tangible benefits to young people's futures.

School governors provide strategic leadership to raise educational standards. They help set a school's vision and direction, approve and oversee budgets and hold school leadership teams to account. Over 250,000 people volunteer as school governors but one in 10 positions on school boards is vacant.

The role brings multiple benefits in three key ways:

1 Giving something back

School boards need a mix of skills, outlooks and fresh thinking, including people with diverse backgrounds and experiences.

Could you help drive positive change and:

- ✓ Provide support and challenge?
- ✓ See the story behind the data?
- ✓ Work effectively as part of a team?

97%
of school governors would recommend the role to a friend.
Inspiring Governance annual survey

2 Boosting your future

If you want to develop your career or are returning to work, volunteering as a school governor is a great way to evidence key qualities needed in senior roles.

- ✓ Gain board-level experience
- ✓ Expand your skills and network
- ✓ Receive free support and CPD in your first year

"Volunteering as a school governor can accelerate career progression so has a tangible benefit to an individual's future."
Anne Reed,
Yorkshire Water

3 Gaining a new perspective

Shaping the direction of school is also immensely rewarding and can help you understand complex situations from different viewpoints.

- ✓ Tackle tough issues with people you might not meet in your professional or personal life and work towards a common aim
- ✓ Connect with your community
- ✓ See the real-world impact of your decisions and the difference you make to the school and its students

"I love that things I suggest are implemented to improve children's outcomes. Really rewarding!"
School governor

Get involved

To volunteer as a school governor, you need to be 18 or over, committed to improving the outcomes for young people, and able to give 5-8 hours a month. Governors' meetings usually take place outside office hours. Signing-up as a school governor is easy with our matching service. Just upload your profile and search for governor vacancies to see if they could be right for you.

Volunteer as a school governor and make a difference visit: inspiringgovernance.org