

Chairs of Governors' Leadership Development Programme



The Governors' Network North West is a partnership rooted in extensive experience of working with and for governors, and committed to supporting high quality effective leadership of Governing Bodies in schools and academies.



It's because governance matters so much that the difference between good and bad governance matters so much. Ofsted, in their new inspection framework, will now be asking searching questions on governance – including assessing how well governors hold the head and senior leaders to account.

Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Education, July 2012

At a time when Ofsted's scrutiny of Governing Bodies has never been more rigorous, effective leadership has never been more important. The Chair of Governors' Leadership Development Programme focuses on developing governors' leadership skills, with a particular emphasis on leading school improvement, through facilitated workshops, online activities, personal reflection and school-based learning.

If you are a governor, or a headteacher seeking to promote good governance in your school, contact us for further information or to register your interest by emailing admin@gnnw.org.uk

The cost of the full programme is £350; individual units can be undertaken at a cost of £150 per unit.

The cost of the full programme will be reduced to £300 if your school purchases governor training/support in any of our partner LAs or Diocesan Authorities (see overleaf).

Subsidies available for schools judged by Ofsted as 'requiring improvement' and schools with less than 100 pupils.

What did governors say about GNNW's delivery of the pilot of the Chairs' Leadership Development Programme?

"The unit I completed was very relevant and appropriate to my current situation at our school and it provided some easy to implement ideas. I am certain that the programme has fundamentally changed for the better the way I will tackle any future issues arising in my role as chair."
Primary chair, Tameside

"I found the day very helpful and am looking forward to completing the programme."
Primary chair, Shropshire

"I found the introductory day very helpful indeed and it was good to meet with other Governors. The leadership diagnostic is an excellent piece of work. It is challenging and raises one's self awareness – a bit scary but very worthwhile indeed. I have started to address those areas which I need to develop further."
Academy chair, Bolton

"Very useful day – Welcomed the opportunity to hear from other governors."
Primary vice chair, Stoke on Trent



The Chairs' Leadership Development Programme is aimed at aspiring Chairs of Governors as well as new and experienced Chairs. If you are a governor looking to develop your leadership skills this is the programme for you.

With school improvement as a key theme across the programme, each unit of the programme focuses on an essential element of being an effective chair.

- **UNIT 1:** The role of the chair, the leader
- **UNIT 2:** Leading the governing body and effective governance
- **UNIT 3:** Leading change and continuous improvement

Individual units can be undertaken consecutively or you can choose to undertake a single unit dependent on your needs.

Each unit includes:

- a workshop providing opportunities to collaborate and learn with peers
- school-based activities leading to school improvement
- access to a learning partner for support, guidance and challenge
- interactive online content and support from an online governor community
- an online leadership self-evaluation tool to guide your development

National College certification requires completion of the leadership self-evaluation, attendance at the workshop, accessing the on-line materials, and completion of a learning log and development plan based on a school-based activity. Governors completing all three units will be invited to a follow up event to share and celebrate good practice.

Units will be available each term at venues across the north west region.



A partnership of organisations with a successful track record of supporting Governing Bodies and delivering governor training and development across the north west, comprising a higher education establishment, Local Authority and Diocesan governor support officers, headteachers, school leaders and experienced chairs of governors from the following partner organisations:

Local Authority Partners:



Lead Diocesan Partners:



Teaching School Alliance Partners:



Higher Education Partner:

