



National Opportunities

If you're looking for further opportunities to give back to your local community whilst developing your strategic thinking and leadership skills then becoming a school governor could be an excellent option for you.

UpRising alumni are wonderfully positioned to have meaningful impact as school governors across the country given your youth, commitment to community development and acquired professional expertise. Bringing your fresh perspective to the work of a Governing Board will complement the older members and allow a wider range of views and experience. The role offers a fantastic CPD opportunity, access to free training and the chance to apply your knowledge and enthusiasm in the challenging environment of school management. Schools sit at the heart of their communities and ensuring they are providing students with the best possible education is of paramount importance to the wider community.

Governors for Schools provide a free governor recruitment service for volunteers and schools across the country. They work on a skills-based matching system and will put you in contact with schools in your local area that are most in need of the skills and experience you bring. They have dedicated Area Managers who will liaise with you about current opportunities and ensure you are given all the information you need to prepare for the role, and settle into it successfully once appointed.

School governing bodies have three core roles:

- Setting the vision and strategic direction for the school
- Holding the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school
- Ensuring financial probity and that the school is making best use of its money.

In terms of time commitment, the average governor commits **60-100 hours per year** to their roles. This consists of attending three Full Governing Body meetings, three sub-committee meetings, ensuring you are up to date with school performance data and visiting the school to monitor it in action. **Governing body meetings should last no more than two hours and are typically held in the early evening starting between 5 and 7pm.**

Please visit www.governorsforschools.org.uk for further information and to apply to become a school governor and help drive school improvement in your local community.

If you are interested in receiving further information **please contact William Durham who can be reached at william.durham@governorsforschools.org.uk or via 020 7288 9535** and he will be happy to discuss the role and application process with you.