

# Find governors and trustees

Hello my name is Richard Ellam

I'm the Midlands' Regional Manager for Inspiring Governance. Inspiring Governance is the new national online match making service which connects skilled volunteers interested in serving as governors and trustees with schools looking to recruit. Funded by the Department for Education Inspiring Governance provides free, expert support to volunteers and governing bodies, as well as for employers wanting to run programmes for their staff serving as governors. We're a national service but we are recruiting and placing governor volunteers in your area.

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. Inspiring Governance works with businesses and networks to encourage employees to volunteer. We then provide an online matching service to make it as easy as possible for schools and groups of schools to find volunteers in their area.

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.

It all starts with a simple online form at [www.inspiringgovernance.org](http://www.inspiringgovernance.org). When you register, you'll tell us a bit about your school and come prepared with information about the type of governor and skills you are looking for. You can find links to a free skills audit and role descriptors on our website.

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 set up a call to discuss the role generally.

If you and the volunteer decide to go ahead, you'll want to go through your normal interview process to check that they are clear about the role and it is 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 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.

If you recruit, great. Let us know and your new governor or trustee will receive access to a range of support and training through our local partners or the National Governance Service (NGA). This includes telephone support to walk them through their first year, an induction guide, access to NGA's online guidance, and e-learning modules.

We have big ambitions for Inspiring Governance and to realise these we are about to give the platform a technical upgrade. This is planned to go live in Autumn and will give volunteers and recruiters a better all-round "user experience".

Still have questions? I'm here to help you find the right volunteers. Get in touch, either through the website or by my email and telephone number below. I'd love to hear from you.

Please sign up at [www.inspiringgovernance.org](http://www.inspiringgovernance.org) I've attached a PDF about how to use it.

Warmest regards

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