

Would you like to make a difference to young people's

lives?

Do want to make a positive contribution to the **Community?**

Do you care about education?

Are you willing to ask questions and challenge?

Are you aged 18 – 24?

Would you like the chance to develop skills in the following areas?

- **Teamwork**
- Strategic leadership
- Financial planning
- **Decision Making**

Become a School Governor with BDAT, through the Young Governor Programme.

We can offer you opportunities to develop your skills through bespoke training, peer to peer support, mentoring, membership of the Trust's Young Governor Network and expert guidance from the Trust's Governance Team.

If you would like to find out more please visit our website https://www.bdat-academies.org/employerof-choice/governor-opportunities/ or contact governance@bdat-academies.org



Volunteer to be a School Governor.

Why?

- School Governors and Trustees make a valuable contribution to children's education, opportunities and futures.
- It is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It will give you chance to make a real difference to young people, give something back to your local community and develop your skills in a board level environment.

What is in it for you?

- By becoming a school governor, you can contribute to making a worthwhile difference for young people in our community.
- You will gain first hand insight of strategic governance and decision making that leads to improvements for a better and socially just society.
- You will gain experience and develop skills and understanding in how schools are governed to
 make sure they meet the needs of all pupils, especially those who are most vulnerable and / or
 disadvantaged.
- You will have free training, a buddy and a peer network of support.
- You will get the chance to develop skills and attributes that can also help advance your own career. This will include confidence in contributing your point of view, teamwork, strategic leadership, financial planning and decision making.

What does a Governor / Trustee do?

Provide strategic leadership and accountability in schools. There are three key functions:

- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.

What is expected of me?

The average time commitment is five to eight hours per month, it will vary depending on the needs of the school and the role. This includes meetings, background reading and school visits.

What is the Young Governor Scheme and how will this help me?

The Trust is committed to giving young Governors / Trustees (aged 18-24) the tools to play a part in strategic school governance and leadership. To do this we are looking at bespoke training, peer to peer support, mentoring from a fellow Governor / Trustee, membership of the Trust's Young Governor Network and expert guidance from the Trust's Governance team.

What happens next?

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