

TRAINING LINK GOVERNORS' MEETING
THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2011

Sarah Beaumont, Governor Services Manager, welcomed everyone to the meeting. She explained that a Training Link Governor (formerly known as the Link Governor) was the link between the Local Authority and the Governing Body, overseeing the training and development of their governors.

She explained that the purpose of the termly Link Governor's meeting was to provide information on forthcoming governor training and development events and to give an opportunity for Link Governors to meet together and discuss current issues.

PRESENTATION: SCHOOL GOVERNOR ONE STOP SHOP (SGOSS)

'School Governor One Stop Shop' (SGOSS) was launched in 1999 with the aim of encouraging people with transferable skills to volunteer as governors in schools facing the greatest challenges. Since its launch, SGOSS has recruited and helped place more than 10,000 volunteers in schools across England. SGOSS works in partnership with Local Authorities and its services are free to Local Authorities, schools, volunteers and employers.

Heather O'Donnell, Area Manager, gave a presentation (attached) about how schools can benefit from working with SGOSS to recruit governors.

- **GOVERNOR SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

Sarah concluded by highlighting courses in the autumn term 2011 programme.

Many thanks to all those who attended!

Recruiting school governors



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Who are we?



'Recruiting Governors with management skills for Schools that need them most'

- School Governors' One-Stop Shop (SGOSS) is a national charity set up in 2000 to recruit volunteers with transferable business skills to become school governors.
- Since its launch, SGOSS has recruited and helped place more than 10,000 volunteers in schools across England.
- We are funded by the Department for Education (DfE) and other trustees.

What do we do?



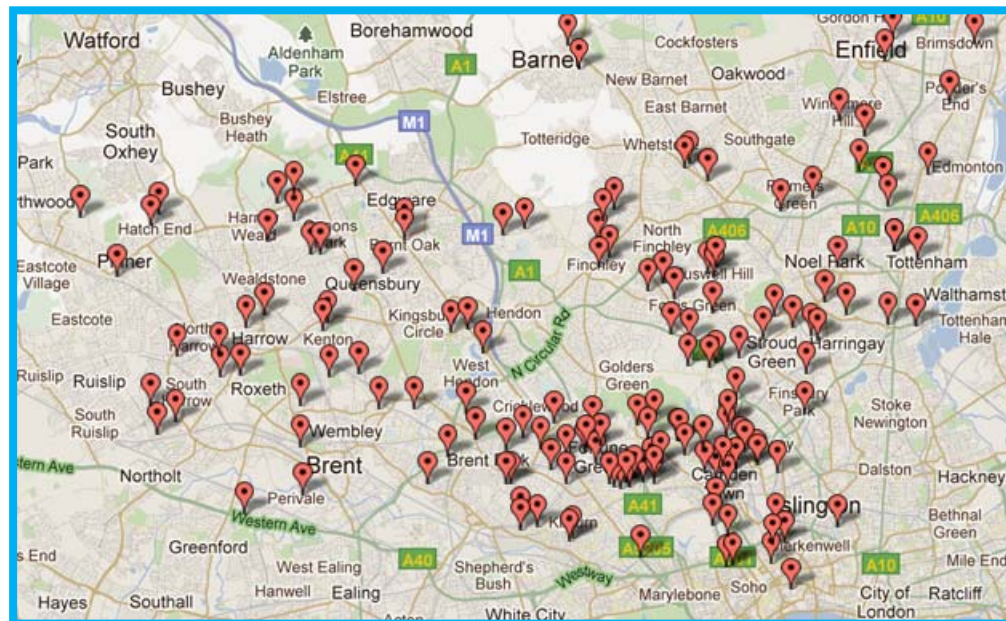
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- In total there are around 300,000 governor places in 21,400 schools throughout England and at any one time, more than 40,000 of these places are vacant.
- We work with any school, nursery, college or Local Authority that has governor vacancies.
- Our services are completely free to everyone involved.
- We recruit skilled volunteers by working with a wide range of different companies.
- We can help find volunteers for your community governor vacancies.
- We can also help with associate member positions, sponsor, foundation, partnership and to some extent, parent governor vacancies.

Current Volunteers in Barnet



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- We have a number of Barnet volunteers on our database, and there are many others from neighbouring Harrow, Brent, Camden, Haringey and Enfield who would be willing to volunteer in a Barnet school.

How does it work?



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- All you need to do is register your governor vacancies at www.sgoss.org.uk/schools . You can specify any particular **skills or experience** that you require.
- We will then search our database to see if we have any suitable volunteers. If we don't, we will advertise your vacancy in the local community using our media and business contacts.
- Once we have found a suitable volunteer/s, we will be in touch providing their details for your consideration.

Online Governor Recruitment



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<http://owl.sgoos.org.uk/howto>

Specific skills (step 3 of 4)
Registering: "Community governor" vacancy for Heather

Choose which skills you require by ticking the box next to each one. Once selected you must state if it is either "Desirable" or "Essential". If you require a skill set not listed, then please use the "Other skills / requirements" text box at the bottom of this page.

Do you require a governor with specific skills	Health and Safety	No
Yes	Marketing	No
	IT	No
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Business	Healthcare	No
HR	Media	No
Legal	Fundraising	No
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Academic selection 'improves social mobility', claims head (Telegraph) <http://ow.ly/6AnCz>

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Register governor vacancies for: Heather
Click on the links below to find the most effective method of filling each type of governor vacancy.

- Community governors (0 vacancies)
- Authority governors (0 vacancies)
- Associate governors (0 vacancies)
- Foundation governors (0 vacancies)
- Partnership governors (0 vacancies)
- Sponsor governors (0 vacancies)
- Other governors (0 vacancies)
- Parent governors
- Staff governors

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What happens next?



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- If they're suitable, contact the volunteer/s as soon as possible to arrange a meeting, even if your next GB meeting isn't for a couple of months.
- Keep us updated on any progress.
- Let us know if you appoint our volunteer/s or if you fill the vacancy yourselves.

Parent governor vacancies



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- We can provide downloadable resources.
- If this doesn't work..

7. Schools must make every reasonable effort to fill parent governor vacancies through elections. If insufficient parents stand for election the governing body can appoint:

- a parent of a registered pupil at the school, or
- a parent of a former pupil at the school, or
- a parent of a child of, or under, compulsory school age.

This also applies to community special schools and foundation special schools, but for these schools the appointment criteria are:

- a parent of a registered pupil at the school, or
- a parent of a former pupil at the school, or
- a parent of a child of or under compulsory school age with special educational needs for which the school is approved, or
- a parent with experience of educating a child with special educational needs.

A guide to the law for school governors:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/leadership/governance/b0065507/gttl/constitution/parent-governors>

Can we help your school?



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- Register your vacancy with me this evening, or online at www.sgoss.org.uk/schools .
- Talk to your GB. Will you have a vacancy next term that you can register in advance? Do you need an associate member?

How can you help SGOSS?



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- Tell other governors and schools about us- we work nationwide.
- Tell your employer about us! There are huge benefits to having school governors as part of the workforce.
- We can attend volunteering events, give presentations, prepare articles for the intranet/staff magazine and provide materials such as brochures and leaflets to encourage employees to volunteer as governors.

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