



Improving School Governance

a Worshipful Company of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators sponsored series of webinars with the aim of improving school governance and developing the theme of 'service with integrity'

More than 300,000 people serve in a voluntary capacity as governors of schools in the UK. In that role they are responsible for establishing the vision and strategic direction of the school, holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils and the performance and management of the staff and overseeing the financial performance and efficiency of the school. In short, they enable the school to provide the best opportunities for students and make the greatest contribution to society. But how do they know that they are achieving the best outcomes?

Webinar 1 - What is good and effective governance of schools?

14 March 2024 1800 – 1930

The aim of this 90-minute webinar is to explore why good governance is necessary, the fundamental principles of governance, the expectations of head teachers and what is expected from members of governing bodies.

Programme and Speakers

Why is effective governance necessary and what does it look like in practice?

Hannah Stolton, CEO of Governors for Schools

What are the fundamental principles of good governance and what is 'service with integrity'?

Sheila Lumsden OBE, Chair of the WCCSA Education Committee

What can governors do to help the school and headteacher to succeed?

Anthony Wilson, Chief Executive of the Newham Community Learning

What do members of governing bodies expect and what will help them to govern better?

Anne Punter, Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and Governance researcher

The webinar will be moderated by

David Lock, Past Master WCCSA and Secretary General Magna Charta Observatory

The webinar is intended for School Governors and prospective school governors, particularly those who are Liverymen or Freemen and members of education committees of Livery Companies old and new.

After the presentations there will be an opportunity for questions and discussions and refining the agendas for the two following webinars.

Webinar 2 will look at the application of good governance in specific circumstances that challenge schools. Preparing for inspections, governor involvement in strategy development, how governors can add value through their connections with wider society and how a focus on values can enhance governance are examples of the content.

The aim of webinar 3 is to pick up issues and questions raised during the first two webinars. These might include STEM subjects, careers education and advice and effective engagement with Livery Companies but the agenda will not be set until after Webinar 2.

The dates of webinars 2 and 3 will be published in due course.

There is no charge for this webinar.

To register please go to <https://wccsa.org.uk/civicrm/event/info/?reset=1&id=104>

For more information about the organisations featuring in Webinar 1 please go to:

Governors for Schools - <https://governorsforschools.org.uk/about-us/team/>

WCCSA - <https://wccsa.org.uk>

NCL - <https://ncltrust.net>

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