


# School Governors needed





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## Have YOU signed up yet?

Hundreds of *Open University* staff, students and alumni are already making a difference by volunteering as school governors. Here's what some of them have to say about being part of the largest group of volunteers in the country:

 **Paul Mukherjee, Tolworth Girls' School & Centre for Continuing Education** *"By being a governor I get the opportunity to influence the education of young people in my area, which has been enormously enriching and rewarding for me. In addition being a governor has given me the opportunity to experience directing a large organisation, which I expect to hold me in good stead in the future".*

 **Dr Nick Dickson, Icknfield Primary School** *"I'm at a stage in my career where I feel able to offer my skills and experience to help out in the wider society, and I felt that school governorship would be a useful thing to do (both for me and the school). I also particularly appreciate that the school I am now a governor at is very local to me, and being in a small village I feel it's important to be able to make a difference to the immediate society I live in".*

 **Clive Entwistle, Broadfield Primary School, Rochdale** *"Education is one of the bedrocks of any society and its future. It was for this reason, my experiences and living in an area with large ethnic groupings, that I wanted to be able to contribute to the improvement of societal cohesion and understanding through education in a school with over 25 different nationalities and 15 languages".*

### What's involved?

Governors are normally expected to attend a minimum of two meetings per term, mostly in the evening. The Governing Body acts as the non-executive board of the school – setting critical policies, determining the strategic direction and appointing & monitoring the head teacher.

### Who can apply?

Anyone over 18 is eligible to apply. Contrary to what most people think, you DO NOT need to be a parent or have special knowledge of the education system. The most important thing is that you want to help children receive the best possible education.

### How can I apply?

The **School Governors' One-Stop Shop** is a charity which can help match your application to a suitable school and all of their services are completely FREE.

## Where are the vacancies?

Vacancies exist across England (in fact there can be as many as 40,000 empty places at any one time!). Waiting list in some areas can however be longer than others. Areas currently seeking fresh volunteers include:

Derby	Hampshire	Plymouth	Portsmouth	Sandwell	Somerset
Nottinghamshire	Nottingham City	Bristol	Doncaster	Hull	Lancashire
Telford & Wrekin	Northamptonshire	Sunderland	Bedfordshire	Bolton	Essex
Cambridgeshire	Hertfordshire	Kent	Liverpool	Norfolk	Salford
Peterborough	Waltham Forest	Thurrock	Croydon	Havering	Hounslow
NE Lincolnshire	Hillingdon	Suffolk	Leeds	St Helen's	

If your area does not appear on this list there may still be individual schools or communities near you where volunteers are needed. Contact the School Governors' One-Stop Shop on **020 7354 9805** or [info@sgoss.org.uk](mailto:info@sgoss.org.uk).

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