#### **Membership Enquiry**

We hope that you feel that we could be helpful to you and your governing body.

We hope you will access our website, twitter and facebook.

# www.hertsgovernors.org

We would love to see you at the Headteacher and Governor new briefings! We want to encourage a good attendance so that we guarantee its continuity.

Even more, we would like you to become a member and join us. We are one of the most successful local governors associations and we want you to be part of it. **Sign up now!** 



#### **How to Join**

Please contact us at membership@hertsgovernors.org for more information.



# **Outstanding Governor Awards**

In 2014 the HASG in association with Herts for Learning, introduced the Outstanding Governor Awards to celebrate and recognise the outstanding work of governors in Hertfordshire.

These annual awards allow schools and colleges to nominate deserving governors to honour their work. This work is usually done within their schools, or sometimes for larger projects or initiatives they have driven which has led to school improvement.

The winners are announced at the Annual Governors Conference in November. Each winner receives a small monetary prize with a significant prize for their school. From 2016 Runners-up also receive a prize for their schools.

We are fortunate in Hertfordshire that we have many outstanding governors supporting schools, so remember to nominate yours in recognition of their work.

#### Contact us

Further information on all of these topics can be found on our website: www.hertsgovernors.org

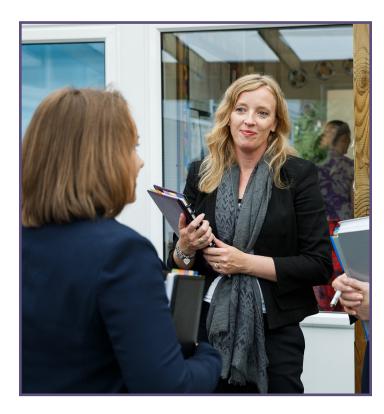
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# Hertfordshire Association of School Governors

# **Supporting School Governance**

How can you be part of it?



#### Who are we and what do we do?

Hertfordshire Association of School Governors, is an independent Association funded by a nominal fee from member schools, and was established in its current form in Autumn 2011. We remain affiliated to the NGA. Our annual plan of work involves some of the following;

- Liaison with local and national organisations
- · Share governors views with senior HCC representatives
- Affiliation with NGA
- Working closely with HfL & HCC
- Supports HCC in the appointment of Governors through democratic selection to relevant working groups when vacancies arise
- Website information
- · Developing Facebook and Twitter
- Networking
- Sponsors Governance Annual conference
- Supporting Governor recruitment
- Herts Governor articles and other communications
- Respond to gueries from Herts Schools
- Governor Awards
- · Headteacher & Governor briefings



### **Appointment of representatives**

The County Council ask HASG to run elections to seek Governor candidates from all schools - not just HASG member schools – and to appointment them by democratic and transparent process. Recent appointment have been for representatives from Secondary and Primary schools to the Schools Forum (a statutory committee) that address the allocation of finances to schools, the ICT working Group looking at IT and networks to Hertfordshire Schools. There will be more as new issues arise.

#### Website, Facebook and Twitter

Our well established website is supported by the executive sending regular updates to our website manager for uploading on a regular basis. We need local stories relevant to governors, schools and education generally – across Hertfordshire, so please let us know what is going on in your districts. Our tweets are a way of keeping up to date via regular reports from our site. We are seeking to develop facebook to further share good practice, raise the profile of governors and school governance generally and hopefully this will improve our recruitment drive.

## **Governor Briefings & Networks**

Historically the HASG has always supported an opportunity for governors to network and acquire useful information pertinent to government. Following on from the success of the joint Headteacher and Governor briefings in 2016 we are delighted to announce that further dates have been set for 2017. Please check our website for further details.

#### Conference

The annual Governors' Conference is held annually in the Hertfordshire Development Centre in Stevenage, on a Saturday in November. It is a well attended annual highlight of the Governors' calendar and is often fully booked (with about 300 Governors) several weeks before the event. It has a series of well presented seminars on key topics of interest throughout the day and keynote plenary sessions from high profile speakers. In addition there are supplier stands, and, of course, lunch is included! Publicity goes out to all schools from HfL and details are show on the HASG website www.hertsgovernors.org.

Herts for Learning (HfL) organise the Conference which is open free of charge to Governors in Hertfordshire. HASG participate during the year to help plan the day. Historically the Conference has been funded mostly by a grant from Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) but with extra sponsorship to make up the shortfall in cost from HfL and HASG. The changing landscape of government Education funding through HCC mean that this arrangement cannot continue and HASG is stepping in, with the support of its member schools, to fill the funding gap from 2017. Thus it will continue to be open to all Governors Hertfordshire but free of charge only to HASG member Schools or Academies.

#### HASG AGM

The conference day is also the day when HASG hold their Annual General Meeting and the Executive Committee is elected (up to 15 members including officers) – all Governors of HASG member schools are eligible to stand for the Executive. Our AGM is scheduled for late morning, so why not come along and take this opportunity to hear more about our plans to support you and good governance?

We look forward to meeting you.