# **SCHOOL GOVERNORS**



# About School Governor One Stop Shop

School governance is an essential voluntary role in education and a full, diverse governing body can be a source of enormous strength to a school. At present there are approximately 40,000 governor vacancies in the UK. School Governors One Stop Shop (SGOSS) is a small charity which recruits volunteers to become governors in schools in the UK. It works in partnership with all Local Authorities, successfully helping to place new volunteers for the maximum benefit of all concerned.

#### Volunteer Role

Acting as a 'critical friend' to the school you will need to share opinions, give ideas and work towards positive solutions. As well as the satisfaction of knowing you are making a real difference, if you volunteer you will use and improve a range of highly transferable skills, becoming involved in activities such as budget control, HR and project management. You will have the opportunity to work with new people and apply your knowledge and experience in a new environment.

# **Experience and Skills**

No specific skills required, just the desire to make a positive difference to the education of local children.



### Time Commitment

An average of 6-8 hours per month during term time. Meetings are usually in the evening once per month.

## **Training**

Each Local Authority will provide training, however levels will vary by region

#### **DBS** Requirements

You may be required to provide references in addition to a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check.

For more information please visit <a href="https://www.sgoss.org.uk">www.sgoss.org.uk</a>

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