

Chair of Governors Leadership Development Programme

The pressure on school leadership has never been greater. As a governing body it is critical that you are in a position to enable and support your leadership team to achieve the very best outcomes for learners. Best Practice Network recognises the pressure that this places on a voluntary team of governors and in particular the Chair. As part of our suite of services to schools, we are able to offer a range of leadership development programmes which includes our Chair of Governor Leadership Development Programme, which is licensed by the National College for School Leadership.

The cost of the programme will be £350, which will cover all 3 units. The schedule and location of the programme will be available shortly, in the meantime if you would like to apply you can register at www.bestpracticenet.co.uk/cog.

Who is this for?

The programme has been designed to support all chairs of governors, whether you are aspiring, new to the role or well-established.

What are the benefits?

The programme focuses on the leadership role, responsibilities and effective chairing of governing bodies with school improvement as a key theme. Participants will have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills through facilitated workshops, online activities, personal reflection and school-based learning.

How is it delivered?

The programme takes place over approximately 6 months and includes three face to face, evening workshops, each one focussing on one essential element of being an effective chair:

- Unit 1: The role of the chair
- Unit 2: Leading the governing body and effective governance
- Unit 3: Leading change and continuous improvement

The workshops are linked to new online learning materials which can be studied throughout the unit. There are also school based activities focussing on school improvement and opportunities for personal reflection. A mentor will provide support to individuals throughout the programme. At the start of the programme chairs complete an online leadership diagnostic to enable the units to be tailored to the needs and experience of each participant. The workshops will be led by accredited National College facilitators. School governors and Headteachers may also make presentations to share experiences and good practice.

Further support to Governors

In addition to this programme for Chair of Governors, we also offer a range of other support services to governors including *Stronger Governance*, *Headteacher Performance Management*, and *Preparing for Ofsted*.