



Lead Greatness - Be a Governor at one of the top performing colleges in Wales Voluntary Leadership Role

Coleg Gwent changes the lives of approximately 18,000 learners each year through a hugely diverse range of full-time, part-time, employer-based and community education and training. We serve communities across Gwent, South East Wales and further afield and our courses range from personal interest to degree level. To ensure our students have the best possible experience, we've invested in cutting edge technology and new facilities, including a new state-of-the-art campus in Cwmbran (with other exciting projects in the pipeline). Our outcomes are consistently excellent and we are committed to engaging with our students, colleagues and stakeholders to drive continuous improvement in all areas.

Made up mainly of independent volunteers, the Board of Governors provides strategic leadership and is responsible for setting the educational character and mission of the college and monitoring progress against strategic objectives. It is also responsible for budget setting and ensuring the effective use of public money. Working closely with the senior leadership team, Governors act as a 'critical friend', providing challenge, support and a fresh viewpoint.

We recognise the importance of leading by example. As a Board we need the right mix of skills & knowledge, as well as work and lived experience. We recognise that an inclusive and diverse Board will provide a broad range of perspectives that enhance our discussions, the level of challenge we provide and the decisions we make. All Governors are appointed on merit on the basis of their skills and experience and the contribution they can make to the work of the Board.

You'll need leadership experience, and the ability to read and absorb complex information. Governors must also be willing to challenge and ask difficult questions. A good understanding of the regional economy and the needs of employers is important and ideally, you'll be based in South Wales. Most importantly, you should be enthusiastic about changing lives through learning.

Although we've learnt new ways of working over the last two years, our intention is to return to meeting face to face. Governors attend on average, one meeting a month (10 meetings a year) and you'll need to allow additional reading and preparation time. You'll receive an induction and also be encouraged to take an interest in the wider life of the college and attend events to help develop your understanding of the role. This is an unpaid voluntary role, but reasonable travel expenses can be reimbursed.

Further information about the college and being a Governor can be found here:

[Book Creator - Coleg Gwent Governor Guide](#)

For more information on how to apply, or an informal chat about the role, please contact the Governance Officer:

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