



NORFOLK GOVERNANCE NETWORK

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A First for Norfolk Governance Network Virtual Conference - Resetting Governance

This year Norfolk Governance Network (NGN) is outreaching to all of Norfolk's school governors and trustees by making a virtue out of virtual. This is a first for NGN, which represents all governors and trustees in Norfolk's schools. NGN is encouraging all members to join them for their autumn Resetting Governance conference, to support them during these challenging times for our schools and communities.

"Governance across Norfolk has, by necessity gone virtual, it is still extremely important that we connect and share good practice, our Resetting Governance Conference aims to do just that. We look forward to seeing governors and trustees from across the county." Anne Gibson, NGN Chair.

At a time when most governor meetings have gone virtual, NGN felt that this could be quite an isolating time for their members without face to face meetings, networking events or training sessions. It was decided to run a virtual conference with breakout sessions covering key issues such as finance, health, special educational needs (SEND) and the importance of professional clerking as well as the impact of Covid-19 on governance, schools and of course children and young people. The conference will encourage discussions about these key areas and networking opportunities.

The event on Saturday 10th October is open to all governors and trustees in Norfolk. NGN will offer expert support and guidance. Keynote speaker Paul Brooker, Ofsted's East of England Director will talk to governors about what is next for Ofsted inspections and how governors can continue to support their schools. Dr Louise Smith, Director of Public Health for Norfolk County Council will speak of the impact of Covid-19 on our schools and communities and the Council's response and the importance of risk assessments and protective measures. Governors will be updated about the response to the recent area SEND Ofsted inspection and the plans that Norfolk County Council is continuing to roll out to support children and young people in Norfolk.

Norfolk Governance Network is also asking for potential volunteers to get in touch, most governing boards in Norfolk have spaces that need filling. All skills are welcome as long as individuals are prepared to complete free training, attend meetings and work on behalf of the children and young people in our care. For more details please visit www.ngn.org.uk/become-a-governor/.



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Please head to <https://www.ngn.org.uk/events/> to sign up for the autumn conference.

Norfolk Governance Network (NGN) is the representative organisation for state school governors and trustees from local authority-maintained schools, academies and free schools in Norfolk. NGN is a corporate member of the National Governors Association (NGA).

NGN is run by governors for governors and aims to:

- Provide information to help governors in their role
- Represent the views of governors to the local authority (LA), Department for Education (DfE) and other national and local bodies when required.
- Create networking opportunities for governors to share knowledge and ideas.
- Hold conferences and events involving local and national speakers
- Work with the officers of the LA, Regional Schools Commissioner and Educator Solutions Leadership & Governance Services as representatives of school and academy governing boards.
- Assist schools in finding independent governors to sit on panels or committees

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