

Who makes a good Community/Co-opted Governor?



Cambridgeshire
County Council

Most schools have a number of places on the governing body reserved for representatives from the community. Community governors are invited to join a governing body by the other governors of the school. They usually live or work in the community served by the school or they are people committed to good governance and the success of the school.

School governors are people who wish to make a positive contribution to children's education. The governing body acts collectively and the first loyalty of every governor must be to the school.

Governors are entitled by law to reasonable time off work to fulfil their role (although not necessarily paid time).

Governors form the largest volunteer force in the country. They are people who are prepared to devote time to their role to attend full governing body meetings, committee meetings and training to support them in their role.

"Successful schools need effective governing bodies. Skills learnt in the workplace can add real value to these governing bodies and there are real business benefits to getting involved. Employees benefit from developing their skills and gaining new experiences. For companies, the benefits include a more motivated and better skilled staff and improved community relations through active support for schools"

- Digby Jones, Director General, CBI

To find out more contact:

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