



JOIN THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

AT PRESTON COLLEGE

- Are you passionate about education and training?
- Are you looking for a volunteering opportunity where you can use your professional or personal experiences to change the lives of others?
- Do you have a background in either business, finance, audit, risk, technology, governance or FE education?

If you have answered yes to any of these questions, joining the Board of Governors at Preston College may be right for you!

WELCOME TO PRESTON COLLEGE

We are a leading technical specialist college, rated 'GOOD' by Ofsted, taking great pride in supporting both the local community and all of our learners to achieve the qualifications and outcomes they need, whether that be career advancement, further study or preparation for employment.

Working with a host of employers, across the wider Lancashire region, we have built extensive partnerships with a host of leading businesses. This has allowed us to address local skills gaps, as we develop confident individuals equipped with the skills to meet economic needs.

Our Governing Body

The role of the Governing Body includes collective oversight of the College's activities and setting and reviewing our strategy and mission. Corporation members are comparable with the non-executive directors of a public company but instead of being accountable to shareholders, they are accountable for public funds.

Our Board Membership

Our Board is a mix of staff, student and independent governors. Our existing governors come from an array of backgrounds, bringing a variety of life and professional skills and experiences to the role. As a team, our governors share a passion for education and commitment to the College's mission, values and work.

“Being a governor at Preston's College provides a real opportunity to make a difference in the place, to contribute to strategic developments and learner developments.”

Current Governor

The Board lives the values of the College and works collaboratively with the Executive Leadership Team to achieve agreed aims.

This is a really exciting time to join us, as we continue to implement our Five Year Strategic Plan.

“One of the benefits of being a governor at Preston's College is the opportunity to make a contribution to our city; helping the College to succeed and grow is hugely valuable to the communities we serve and an essential for our young people.”

Current Governor

JOIN THE BOARD AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We are currently looking for new governors to join the Corporation Board. We are seeking experienced individuals, looking for an opportunity to use and develop their professional skills in a board-level environment.

Being a governor is a hugely rewarding leadership role. Governors can make a real difference and give something back to the local community.

Skills and experience we are looking for

We hope that our new governors will have experience of one, or more, of the following areas:

- › **Business**
- › **Finance**
- › **Audit and Risk**
- › **Technology**
- › **Estates Management**
- › **Education**
- › **FE Sector**
- › **Local Community**
- › **Governance**

The Board conducts regular Board skills and experience audits.

The Clerk to the Board will advise potential candidates if the Board are currently searching for governors with particular skills or experience.

The Board is mindful that a successful board has an appropriate mix of governors with diverse skills, experience and backgrounds. The Board is looking for people who are enthusiastic about education and good governance and who will widen the Board's perspective.

The Board also values the diversity of our learners and staff, who come from a variety of ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds. The Board is

determined to reflect this diversity amongst its Governing Body and encourages people from a range of backgrounds and experiences to apply. An open and transparent recruitment process is in place, with roles advertised and appointments made openly and on merit.

The full details

The Corporation Board meets, on average, five times a year and each member also serves on one, or more, of the corporation's committees (subject to field of expertise). The committees meet at least once a term. Most meetings are held in College. Some activities and meetings are held on Zoom. Governors are also encouraged to find out more about College life through learning walks and attending College events.

We recognise that governors will join the College with varying skills, knowledge and experience and we provide induction and ongoing training and support.

Whilst this is a voluntary role, expenses related to travel and caring responsibilities will be reimbursed in line with College policies.

Please contact us if you don't feel you have the time to join the Board but would be interested in being co-opted to one of our committees. Co-option can provide an excellent introduction to voluntary governance roles.

THE NEXT STEPS

The Governor role portrait can be found on our website

www.preston.ac.uk/the-college/governance/governor-vacancy/

Many thanks for your interest in volunteering as a governor at Preston College.

At Preston College we put the learner experience at the heart of everything we do. Our staff are committed to the delivery of high-quality teaching and communication, and our Board members oversee and share such commitment.

We are on an upward trajectory, having been accredited as “Good” in our last Ofsted inspection, with an ambitious but realistic goal to reach “Outstanding”. Internally, since that last inspection we have achieved further, measurable progress, and we are continuing to push forward. The College benefits from an experienced and settled leadership team and motivated staff at every level. However, our progress to date does not make us complacent; there is still much to be achieved.

We are currently searching for new governors. We hope you will consider joining us on the Board. We very much welcome applications from the local community. The Board knows that having a diverse Board, including governors with different backgrounds, life experience and approaches will benefit its decision making.

If you require any further information, or would like to speak with me about the role, please contact Clare Rayner, Clerk to the Board, crayner@preston.ac.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.

John Boydell,
Chair of the Board of Governors



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