

Vacancy - Local School Board Member - Cumberland Community School (CCS), Oban Close, Newham E13 8SJ

What we are looking for

We're looking for someone to help us oversee the work of our school.

If you have good listening and communication skills and are able to commit to attending six evening meetings per year and, where practical, to attend visits to school, you could be just the person we are looking for.

We are looking to recruit people from a range of backgrounds and experiences. Boards work better where they have diverse opinions and skills and this could be you.

Feel free to give us a call on 0208 534 8666 if you want more information (ask for Jo). Alternatively, email your interest to joanne.bullard@communityschoolstrust.org.

We really hope you will apply.

Read below to find more information about the voluntary role.

Cumberland Community School

Cumberland Community School is an ambitious school, within a diverse and exciting community. The school's motto, 'Determined, Ambitious, Learners', encompasses all of the school community: students, staff and governors. The school's commitment to providing the best opportunities to learn and excel goes hand in hand with its commitment to equal opportunities and effective inclusion.

Determined - the school is determined to improve the life chances of every one of its students. The curriculum ensures that students are given opportunities to challenge themselves in and out of the classroom to develop confidence, independence and resilience.

Ambitious - The school wants all of its students to be ambitious for themselves and their community. Pride, respect and high aspirations are valued and developed.

Learners - Above all CCS is a learning community. CCS is an outward facing school that wants its students and staff to have the right to flourish. The school believes there is much we can and must learn from each other.

About Community Schools Trust

Community Schools Trust is a thriving multi-academy trust with a proven track record of creating extraordinary outcomes for students from all backgrounds.

The trust's aim is simple - to provide a first-rate education for every child and to create outstanding schools that change perceptions and expectations.

Equal Opportunities

The Trust and the school have a strong commitment to achieving the equality of opportunity in both services to the community and the employment of people and expects all stakeholders to understand and promote its policies in their work.

We embrace diversity and we feel that our local school board should be representative of the community it serves. We particularly welcome applications from women and people from black and global majority backgrounds.

How does the Local School Board operate?

Community Schools Trust is a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT). Like all MATs this Trust is governed by Trustees. The Trust operates on the basis of maximum delegation. A core value of the Trust is that schools should be run by, and their improvement driven by, their staff led by their Leadership Team and Local School Board (LSB).

Whilst trustees focus on the strategic direction for the Trust, holding the CEO to account and to ensuring that public money is spent appropriately, the Local School Board is able to focus on improving standards in its particular school.

Who are we looking for?

Whether you are an experienced trustee or board member or are looking to take your first step at board level, we want to hear from you.

We need you to help drive strategic development and to bring experience to board level discussions to help us respond effectively to challenges.

In particular, we are really keen to welcome a new board member with strong safeguarding expertise.

Could you help to:

- plan the school's strategic direction?
- hold the headteacher or school leadership to account?
- drive school improvement initiatives?

If you have an employer, check with them whether you are permitted time off to undertake your duties as an LSB member.

Why volunteer?

We offer:

- comprehensive training
- opportunities to be part of decision making
- opportunities to gain new skills and to network
- the chance to improve the lives of young people and their families
- reimbursement of reasonable out of pocket expenses

Safeguarding and induction

All newly appointed LSB members are expected to attend an induction session and to undertake safeguarding training.

As an organisation committed to the safety and well-being of young people we expect all involved in governance to have an Enhanced DBS check carried out (formally Criminal Records Bureau) to ensure their suitability for volunteering in a school environment.

We also ask all new LSB members to follow our Code of Conduct, to declare any business interests that may affect the Trust/school and to work in accordance with our policies and [The Seven Principles of Public Life](#).

If you would like to find out more about Community Schools Trust and Cumberland Community School, you can look at our websites [here](#) and [here](#).

Closing Date for applications: The advert will expire at midnight on Sunday 14th April but we are willing to work around your availability for the interview date.