

Governor Application Form

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Thank you for your interest in applying for a governor role within the Trinity Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) and being part of our growing organisation.

In 2010, when Trinity Academy Halifax opened in Calderdale as a sponsored academy, its mission was to address more than a decade of under performance at secondary school level in the north Halifax area. It has delivered on every measure, being rated as 'outstanding' twice and it continues to support students to achieve results which will transform their life chances.

In 2015, due to the outstanding success of the flagship school, Trinity Multi-Academy Trust was established and now covers primary to post-16 education with organisations ranging in size from 180 to 1800 students. The ethos of the MAT is simple – to ensure that young people in our care fulfil their potential. Everything we do is in pursuit of that one aim. Our foundations are strong, formed as they have been through a commitment to inclusive education, extremely high standards for all and not accepting that we can't. Indeed, we strongly believe that we can, whatever the challenge is.

This is a key time for the trust in terms of governance. We want to increase the number of governors we have to support our schools to have challenging and purposeful conversations within their local governing body meetings.

Being a governor requires individuals to learn about schools and ways of working, and it is also about individuals bringing their skills and experience to contribute to an existing skill set. It is important that every governing body is made up of a group of people who have an understanding of their role and responsibilities, who are committed to gaining knowledge about the school and who will ask challenging questions to scrutinise leadership and decisions made within school. Governing bodies have key strategic responsibilities and these need to be explored within every meeting, without getting involved in the day-to-day operational activity within the school.

Governors play an important part in every school and we invite you to learn more about the trust, our schools and the opportunity to really make a difference to the lives of our young people.

Section 1 - Personal Information

Title: _____ **First Name:** _____ **Surname:** _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Section 2 - Commitment

Phase of school you are interested in: Primary
Secondary
Post-16

Preferred school in the MAT: _____

Have you been a governor elsewhere: YES **If YES, where was that:** _____
NO

Are you prepared to commit to one meeting per term and additional hours (approximately 4) for other aspects of the role (e.g. training, visits to the school)? YES
NO

Section 3 - Experience and Skills

Please tick all that apply

Financial Planning/Accounting

Safeguarding

Pupil Premium, CLA and Vulnerable Groups

Faith and Character Education

ICT/Computers

Health and Safety/Building Maintenance/Security

Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare

Teaching, Learning and Outcomes

Human Resources/Recruitment

Other *(Please state):* _____

Strategic Planning/Problem Solving

Presentation, Training and Development

Project Management/Contracting Services/
Purchasing/Negotiation

Mediating/Counselling

Marketing/PR

Public Speaking/Event Organisation/Administration

Legal

Research and Statistics/Data Analysis

Community Development

Section 4 - Current/Previous Occupation

If retired state most recent occupation

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Date employed from: _____

Date employed to:
(If applicable) _____

Previous employer:
(If less than 3 years) _____

Section 5 - Potential conflicts of interest

Are you related by birth, marriage or otherwise to anyone who is, or is envisaged to be:

- A director of the Trinity MAT
- A governor of any one of its schools **YES**
- An employee of any of its schools/central office **NO**
- A supplier of services to any of its schools/central office

If YES, please provide full details:

Are you related to a pupil at the school you wish to be considered for? **YES**

If YES, please provide full details: **NO**

Section 6 - Referees

Please provide details of two referees, one should you be your recent employer. Your referees should know you well in a personal and professional capacity. They must not be a Director of the Trinity MAT academies or a member of your immediate family.

Referee one

Name: **Telephone:** **Email:**
Address: **Nature of relationship:**

Referee two

Name: **Telephone:** **Email:**
Address: **Nature of relationship:**

Section 7 - Equalities Monitoring

Trinity Multi-Academy Trust is committed to having an inclusive representation of governors for its schools. We positively welcome applications from all members of the community. How would you describe yourself:

Gender: M F **Age:** 18-30 31-50 51-65 66+ **Ethnicity:** No religion Muslim Hindu Sikh Other (please state):
Christian Buddhist Jewish

Disability: (The law states that a person is disabled if they have "a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial long term adverse effect on a persons ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.")

Do you consider yourself to have an impairment of this type? **YES** **NO**

If YES, please tick any of the following descriptions that may apply to you:

Mobility difficulty Hearing difficulty Mental health issues Learning difficulty Visual difficulty

This information will be handled sensitively to ensure you are supported as you wish.

Section 8 - Declaration

I confirm that the information provided is correct to the best of my knowledge and that I consent to it being used for the purpose of carrying out due diligence and vetting checks for the purpose of establishing that I am a suitable person to be a governor of Trinity MAT.

Signed: **Name:** **Date:**

Please ensure all sections are fully complete before submitting your form

Please return to: - Trinity MAT, Shay Lane, Holmfield, Halifax, HX2 9TZ

Or scan and email (with signature) to: - hsingleton@trinitymat.org