**Leaders of Governance**

**National and Local Leaders of Governance**

**Twenty-three local leaders of governance (LLGs) have recently been designated to work across the South West, following successfully completing the application process. They completed an application form, supplied two references, undertook a telephone interview and attended an induction session.**

**What are Leaders of Governance?**

**Leaders of Governance** have proven skills and experience in school improvement. They are a crucial part of the self-improving and sustainable school-led system, in improving the quality and capacity of governance. **National Leaders of Governance** are currently fully deployed across the region. **Local Leaders of Governance** have now been added to the team, adding 800+ additional hours of FREE support to our system leader capacity. In the absence of the expenses grant paid to National Leaders, schools are asked to agree to pay reasonable travel/subsistence expenses for Local Leaders in return for free support. Expenses will always be discussed in advance of a deployment.

Irrespective of the setting, governing boards hold the vision and look to the lead professional in the school (headteacher or CEO) to share the strategic decision-making which will allow the vision to be realised. Central to the board’s role is ensuring robust accountability for every aspect of the school’s performance. Without a thorough understanding of performance measures, the need for strategic financial planning, resourcing, and how the curriculum enables the vision, they will be unable to carry out the role effectively. Many boards are now undertaking self-evaluation, but in these times of constant change it is unwise to carry out your self-evaluation in a vacuum. The support of someone who will work alongside a board and take an objective view which helps the board to move forward will allow boards to benchmark their performance against the most effective practice.

**What do they do?**

Just like National Leaders, Local Leaders of Governance respond to the needs of individual chairs, schools and trust boards, enabling governors to help themselves. They can help in many ways, for example:

* Support for new chairs through ongoing mentoring or with specific advice
* Support for experienced chairs dealing with a particular issue
* Temporary membership of governing board of a school in need of support
* Advice and guidance following a recommendation made by an LLE
* Advice and guidance following a ‘good with concerns’ Ofsted judgement
* Providing a fresh pair of eyes: even the best practitioners can improve

Deployments may be requested byLAs, Dioceses, RSC, heads, chairs, Teaching Schools or MATs and will be brokered by the Project Manager and the three Regional Governance Leads

To learn more about the role in the South West, visit <https://www.cpdportal-sw.org/index.php/governance-and-leadership>.

See over for information concerning how to gain FREE support from a **Leader of Governance**

**Seeking support from Leaders of Governance**

Our ability to provide an effective service for every school depends on our knowing who is supporting whom, when, for how long and (at the end of the deployment) how effectively. We ask that you please register your interest using the following protocol so that we are able to keep a record of who is engaged in which deployment. Please resist the temptation to go to individuals direct.

Either

Go to the CPD Portal SW at <https://www.cpdportal-sw.org/>> find support>search by designation

If you do not enter any geographical details, you will see a map showing the location of all registered Leaders of Governance. Click on a map pin to see the name of the school which hosts the NLG/LLG; in the school listing, scroll down to the name of the Governance Lead and click on ‘request NLG/LLG support’

or

If you know the name of the Leader of Governance you wish to deploy, use ‘search by name’, scroll down and click ‘request NLG/LLG support’ at the bottom

Alternatively, you can also go direct to the request for support form by using this link <https://www.cpdportal.link/teamsw/requestnlg>

In case of difficulty, please contact the Project Manager at [jsteward@tscouncil.org.uk](mailto:jsteward@tscouncil.org.uk)

Your request will be shared with the Regional Governance Lead for your subregion (details below) or with more than one RGL if you are on the border of two subregions. They may contact you for further information before putting you in touch with suitable sources of support.

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| Subregion | Regional Governance Lead | Teaching School Link |
| A: Bristol, BANES, South Gloucestershire, Somerset and North Somerset | Geoff Mountjoy | Sian Kinder |
| B: Swindon, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire | Keith Clover | James Passmore |
| C: Dorset, Poole and Bournemouth | Keith Clover | Fritz Penn-Barwell |
| D: Cornwall, Isles of Scilly, Plymouth, Devon and Torbay | Jackie Eason | Teresa Lawrance |
| Project Manager | Julia Steward | National TSCSW representative  Tony Bloxham |

**The values underpinning our work are:**

**Integrity Co-operation Respect Making a difference**