

Two Trustee/Non-Executive Director Vacancies

Coastal Learning Partnership is a Multi-Academy Trust of sixteen schools in the Bournemouth, Poole and Dorset area. The Partnership is a diverse range of schools and that is one of its strengths: infant, junior, primary, large, small, rural, urban, church and community schools — this varied mix of delightful schools work in close collaboration for shared benefit. Further information about the Partnership can be found on the Coastal Learning Partnership website which also provides a list of each of the schools and links to their websites.

The Partnership is pleased to be seeking **two non-executive directors/trustees** to join the Trust Board and contribute to the Board's efforts to ensure the best possible educational experience for every child. Our new trustees will play a key role in the future long-term development of the Partnership. We are especially seeking trustees with expertise/experience/passion in the following broad areas:

Trustee 1: Education and/or Safeguarding and Welfare

Trustee 2: Estates and/or Health & Safety and Compliance and/or financial and resource management

All trustees sit on the Trust Board and either the Finance & Resources Committee or Achievement Committee, according to individual experience and interest. Meetings for both are held every half term and, because most are held online, it is easy to contribute fully and meaningfully without having to travel: it can fit in well around work and home life.

In addition to the above skill areas, we hope that our new trustees will join us as 'Foundation' trustees. In most ways, Foundation trustees have the same objectives as other trustees – but they also have a particular interest to ensure that the distinctive Christian ethos of our Church schools is nurtured. This does not necessarily imply that all foundation trustees will be regular church attenders, although some will be. CLP's Trust Board Chair, currently a Foundation trustee, will be happy to talk with you about whether the foundation aspect of this role is one you could fulfill and indeed any other areas you would like to know more about.

CLP is keen to hear from anyone whose interest is caught by this advert. In particular, given that the Board is seeking to increase its own diversity to further strength its decision-making, we would be especially pleased to hear from people from black, Asian and other minority ethnicities and people with disabilities as these groups are currently under-represented on the trust board.

Trusteeship is a voluntary, unpaid role for people who have the energy and skills to make a real contribution to shaping the future of our schools. It is not essential to have in-depth knowledge of a school environment – you only need an ability to commit to around 6-10 hours per month and a desire to make a difference. Further information on being a trustee can be found here

Finding out more and applying

If you would like further information or a chat about this role, please email Sue Bennett, Clerk to the Trustees, with your details and our Trust Board Chair, Louise Ellis, will get in touch. Applications should take the form of a CV and a short expression of interest outlining your specific skills and interest.

Email contact: sue.bennett@coastalpartnership.co.uk.

Applications for these positions should be received by Monday 4th July. We will then be in touch about next steps.

Please note:

- No employees of CLP, other than the CEO, can be appointed as a trustee
- Applications are welcome from current local governors within the Partnership but if appointed they would need to resign from their role as a local governor.