



TRAINING & EVENTS FOR LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES

SPRING 2022 UPDATE

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HIGH-QUALITY TRAINING & EVENTS TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL GOVERNING BODY

ODST is committed to empowerment for schools at a local level. We develop and support strong, accountable Local Governing Bodies (LGBs) made up of highly skilled, well-informed and well-trained LGB Members, who ensure statutory duties are met, set a standard of excellence and are focussed on improving teaching and learning outcomes for pupils.

ODST LOCAL GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS BENEFIT FROM:

- guidance from ODST central Governance Manager
- access to high-quality training & resources
- bespoke LGB support to meet specific school needs
- termly briefings for LGB Chairs and clerks

ODST-led support is designed specifically for ODST schools. It is funded centrally and provided free of charge or at a very low cost to schools.

It can be complemented by training and support available from the Oxford Diocesan Board of Education (ODBE), Local Authorities, and governance training providers such as the National Governance Association and Governors for Schools.

BOOKINGS & FURTHER INFORMATION

Bookings: <http://ODST.eventbrite.com>

For further information, LGB members can contact:

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KEY ODST EVENTS FOR CHAIRS AND CLERKS

- **Governance briefing**

Key termly update and information sharing on governance strategy and development across ODST.

For: LGB Chairs or Vice Chairs and Clerks

Facilitator / Course Leader: ODST Central Team

Date / Venue: Thurs 27th January, 6.30 – 8pm, Microsoft Teams [Book via Eventbrite](#)

- **Clerks forum**

An opportunity for clerks to network and share information, to receive ODST updates and training to support them in their role.

For: All Clerks working with LGBs in ODST schools.

Facilitator / Course Leader: Clare Powell, ODST Governance Manager

Date / Venue: Thursday 7th February, 10 – 11.30am, Microsoft Teams [Book via Eventbrite](#)

- **Hub meetings**

Regional hub meetings with link ODST trustees. Agendas will be shared in advance.

For: LGB Chairs or Vice Chairs and link trustee

Facilitators: Link ODST trustee, link school improvement adviser & Governance Manager

Dates / Venues TBC – likely to be held in March

- **The role of the LGB chair**

This training will explore the leadership role of the LGB Chair and cover key areas including building the team and developing good relationships, governance structures, delegation, and succession planning, setting the vision, ethos, and strategic direction of the school, delivering effective challenge and the role of good governance in school improvement.

For: New and prospective LGB Chairs, Vice Chairs or Committee Chairs.

Facilitator / Course leader: Ian Elkington, ODST Deputy CEO & Clare Powell, Governance Manager

Date/venue: Wednesday 19th January, 6.30 – 8pm, Microsoft Teams [Book via Eventbrite](#)

(rescheduled from 8th Dec 2021)

ODST TRAINING AVAILABLE TO ALL LGB MEMBERS

Dates	Training Course / Event	Facilitator / Course Leader	Online platform / Venue
Wednesday 5th January 6.30-8pm	Safeguarding training: Peer on peer abuse For: All LGB Members with safeguarding responsibility, Chairs or Vice Chairs	David Cousins, ODBST School Improvement Manager & Ofsted Inspector	Teams – Book via Eventbrite
Monday 17th January 6.30 – 8pm	Welcome to ODST – for LGBs in new ODST schools Welcome to governance in ODST & find out about the support available to you in your role. For: This event is specifically for LGB Members of the Berkshire schools joining ODST in January 2022.	Anne Dellar, Chief Executive and Clare Powell Governance Manager	Teams (LGBs of new schools will be sent the invitation)
Thursday 20th January 6.30 – 8pm	Induction for New LGB Members Welcome to governance in ODST. Gain an understanding of the essential elements of good governance, the key roles and responsibilities of LGB Members and how to hold the school to account. Find out about the support available to you in your role. For: All new LGB Members in any ODST school. Recommended for re-appointed LGB Members and Trustees	Ian Elkington Deputy CEO and Clare Powell Governance Manager	Teams – Book via Eventbrite
Thursday 3rd February 6.30 – 8pm	Good Governance Module 2: Statutory requirements, compliance and accountability For: All LGB Members.	Clare Powell Governance Manager	Teams – Book via Eventbrite
Thursday 10th March 6.30 – 8pm	Good Governance Module 3: Understanding the Curriculum and evaluating learning outcomes For: All LGB Members.	Clare Powell Governance Manager & ODST SI Team	Teams – Book via Eventbrite
Monday 16th May, 6.30-8pm	Good Governance Module 4: Exclusions and IRPs For: All LGB Members.	Clare Powell Governance Manager & Julian Hehir	Teams – Book via Eventbrite

Further events for Summer term to be confirmed.

ODST BESPOKE SUPPORT

- **Finance training**

Finance training for Local Governing Bodies is available from the ODST central finance team as required.

Contact odstfinance@oxford.anglican.org for further information and to arrange training.

- **ODST central governance support**

ODST's Governance Manager can facilitate support for LGB Members and school governance on a wide variety of issues, such as:

- Support with the appointment process for all LGB Members in ODST academies
- Access to advice by telephone and email
- Briefings on statutory changes relevant to Trustees and LGB Members
- Support for independent review panels, disciplinary, capability or grievance hearings
- Briefings for LGB Chairs
- Options to access training for LGB Members
- Bespoke training designed to meet individual LGB needs
- LGB representation at Trustee level
- Briefings on specific national and local issues
- Briefings and support for clerks
- Statutory and other checks and reports
- Support materials for Chairs and LGB Members

Contact clare.powell@oxford.anglican.org

FURTHER TRAINING – OXFORD DICOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION (ODBE)

Oxford Diocesan Board of Education (ODBE) provides support to Church schools and academies across the diocese of Oxford, including church schools that are academies within ODST.

ODST schools that are church schools may wish to participate in training via the ODBE ‘Development, Training and Support for Governance’ programme, in addition to the ODST training programme.

Training that ODST schools may find particularly helpful, and that complement ODST’s own programme for 2021/22, will include:

- Headteacher recruitment
- Effective governance: strategy / vision / accountability
- Chairs & vice chairs network: focusing on Wellbeing (Autumn), Board structures (Spring), theme tbc (Summer)
- Appeals briefings
- Admissions briefings

Cost:

These are charged-for events, with the cost varying depending on the session and on whether schools are also members of the ODBE ‘services for schools’ programme.

All ODBE governor training is costed as ‘per school’ – with up to three attendees per school.

Further information, dates and booking:

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/schools/dts-introduction-2021-2022-2/>

FURTHER TRAINING, SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

- **Safeguarding training**

Safeguarding training should be organised and completed with Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board www.oscb.org.uk/ or Achieving for Children (RBWM schools) <https://afcservices.org.uk/>

- **GovernorHub & Governors for Schools**

On GovernorHub, ODST schools can find:

- access to training and support materials for clerk induction
- access to the latest updates and information from ODST

Governors for Schools offers online governor induction, however this should be supplemented with the ODST-specific 'Induction for new LGB members' events in the ODST training schedule.

- **National Governance Association**

ODST schools that are participating in the NGA membership scheme from September 2021 will benefit from:

- NGA guides available at a discounted rate copies of Governing Matters magazine
- members-only content in the online [Knowledge Centre](#), containing a wealth of governance resources
- weekly e-newsletter featuring the latest education news and policy updates
- free places at NGA conferences and events, including the Summer and Annual Conferences, Clerks' and SEND Networks
- access to NGA's webinar and podcast series
- representation at a national level through our lobbying and campaigns.



Participating schools will also have access to the Learning Link e-learning package, which offers a full programme of online training including a mix of short, bitesize sessions of 10 – 15 minutes and longer in-depth sessions aligned to the NGA's Knowledge Centre.