

# Governor Application Form

Version:



## **Governor Application**

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 skillset. 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 16 per term 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 6 - 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 7 - 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 8 - 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    Christian  
Muslim    Buddhist  
Hindu    Jewish  
Sikh  
Other (please state):

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 9 - 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 or 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 emailed from your email account (with signature) to: - [hsingleton@trinitymat.org](mailto:hsingleton@trinitymat.org)