

Cluster Board Non-Executive Representative

Founded in 2012, REAch2 Academy Trust is the largest primary-only academy trust in the country. As a growing charitable organisation, currently supporting 60 primary academies across England, we are seeking Non-Executive Representatives to join our newly established Cluster boards. As is the case with our Local Governors and Trustees, the position of Cluster Non-Executive Representative is a voluntary one.

We are a family that delivers school to school improvement, going the extra mile for all our children. We are passionate about dispelling the myth that only certain children are able to achieve. This is an opportunity to join a transformational trust that has taken its schools from 17% to 83% Ofsted 'Good' Academies over the past six years.

The Cluster boards will meet up to six times per year in schools located in the clusters, details of the Clusters are set out below:

Cluster 1 covering Cannock, Staffordshire, Telford and Wolverhampton areas

Cluster 2 covering Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire and Litchfield areas

Cluster 3 covering Rugby, Atherstone, Birmingham and Nuneaton areas

Cluster 4 covering Letchworth Garden City, Hitchin, Harlow and Aylesbury areas

Cluster 5 covering Lowestoft and Beccles areas

Cluster 6 covering Essex, Clacton on Sea, Colchester and Ipswich areas

Cluster 7 covering Croydon and West Sussex areas

Cluster 8 covering Kent, Gravesend, Bexley Heath, Purfleet and Deptford areas

Cluster 9 covering Reading areas

Cluster 10 covering London - Waltham Forest, Chigwell, Dagenham, Leyton and Romford areas

Post: Cluster Non-Executive Representative

About the Role

Cluster Non-Executive Representatives are responsible for Cluster wide opportunities and working collaboratively with all schools within the cluster. They are able to provide cluster overview, scrutiny and challenge of Academy education, financial performance and risk management. Cluster Non-Executive Representatives are responsible to support cluster contact and communications with Academy leaders and governors to shape and influence the Academy Trusts thinking and ensure an effective flow of communication takes place between the Local Governing Bodies (LGBs), the Cluster Boards and the Trust Board.

On each Cluster Board we are seeking to have at least one Non-Executive Representative with experience and expertise in the financial sector. Taking a leading role in financial compliance across the cluster these individuals will be experienced in ensuring sound financial systems are in place across the cluster. To monitor the financial performance of the academies against approved budgets within the cluster. To ensure financial risk is being adequately managed through the risk framework and cluster heat maps and to approve the Academies' spend in line with the Trust's Scheme of Financial Delegation.

Person specification

The competencies required for this role include:

- Risk Management
- Financial Management
- Corporate Governance
- Negotiation skills
- Adhering to Statutory Compliance
- Collaborative working

Whilst it is desirable that successful candidates will have existing corporate or charity governance experience in an organisation of at least equivalent size and budget value, the trust's priority is to secure non-executive representatives who are able to provide scrutiny and challenge to schools within the cluster. They will be comfortable working as part of a cluster board to ensure oversight takes place across all areas including risk, performance, financials and compliance.

Time commitment

Applicants can expect to attend six meetings per year, and additional visits to schools within the cluster to better understand the academies within the cluster.

Interested?

Interested candidates should email Governance@reach2.org