

National Governors' Association BULLETIN BOARD

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The Bulletin Board is an NGA membership benefit circulated to Local Associations and to Co-ordinators of Governor Services to update them on NGA's work, consultations and developments in school governance.

Please share this information widely, through your email contacts and at local meetings, to keep governing bodies better informed of, and more involved in, current activities and national issues.

FOR ACTION: NGA DATES FOR YOUR DIARY and NGA NEWS

NGA Annual General Meeting and Conference: *Governors as Leaders*

Saturday 19 November 2011 in Birmingham.

Keynote speaker: Steve Munby, Chief Executive of the National College.

Places are free to members: a booking form can be downloaded from the website – [NGA AGM](#)

NGA Autumn Regional Meetings

London – Tuesday, 11 October; (6.00, refreshments from 5.30); Camden Centre

South West – Saturday, 15 October; (11.00 – 2.00); Express by Holiday Inn, Taunton

Yorkshire & the Humber – Monday, 17 October; (7.00, refreshments from 6.30), Holiday Inn, Wakefield

East Midlands – Tuesday, 18 October; (11.00 – 3.00, refreshments from 10.30); Nottingham Gateway Hotel

South East – Tuesday, 18 October; (11.00 – 1.00); NCVO, London

North West – Wednesday, 19 October; (6.30, refreshments from 6.00), Swallow Hotel, Preston

East of England – Wednesday, 19 October; (6.15, refreshments from 6.00); Malthouse Project, Bury St Edmunds

North East – Tuesday, 25 October 2011; (7.00 – 9.00, refreshments from 6.30); Durham County Hall

West Midlands – Saturday 3rd December (Venue to be confirmed): in Sandwell from 10.00 – 1.00: seminar on using data

*To reserve your place at any regional meeting, e-mail governorhq@nga.org.uk
Full venue details will be e-mailed to those who register.*

NGA Special Schools Governors' Forum

The minutes of the meeting of the Special Schools Governors' Forum held on Monday, 12 September will be posted on the NGA website as soon as they are available.

NGA Board Elections

General Directors – Six candidates are standing for election for four places on the NGA Board: Stephen Adamson, Judith Bennett, Sylvia Bosworth, Maggi Bull, Helen Richardson and Richard Thompson.

The candidates' statements are on the website together with the voting form. Please visit: <http://www.nga.org.uk/About-Us/Elections/Board-Elections.aspx>

Please send completed ballot forms to: vote@nga.org.uk

The NGA is your organisation. Please make sure that you take part in the elections to the NGA Board. ***Please note that an association cannot vote in the NGA elections unless it has paid its subscription.***

NGA Website

As you may have noticed, our new website has been launched. Having updated the look, we are now in the progress of amending content – so please bear with us as we go through this process. There may be times when content disappears temporarily, but it should reappear in an updated form. If you have any problems with the website, please contact governorhq@nga.org.uk

CONSULTATIONS: NEWS and ACTION

PLEASE NOTE: The wording in consultation items is taken from the consultation summaries on the DfE website and express the views and proposals of the DfE, not those of the NGA.

1 School Funding Reform: Proposals for a Fairer System

On the 19 July the Secretary of State launched the second part of the consultation on school funding reform. The consultation document sets out proposals for the mechanics of a new funding system, the contents of a new national formula and future funding arrangements for the Pupil Premium, Early Years provision and High Cost Pupils. It also clarifies the responsibilities of local authorities, schools and academies in relation to central services.

The consultation can be found at: www.education.gov.uk/consultations/

Responses may be made online at: www.education.gov.uk/consultations/ or sent by email to: Schoolfunding.consultation@education.gsi.gov.uk or by post to Consultation Unit, DfE, Area 1C, Castle View House, East Lane, Runcorn WA7 2GJ

This is an important consultation and the NGA is especially keen to receive members' views. We would be very grateful if members could send comments to the NGA's Policy Manager via email to: gillian.allcroft@nga.org.uk. We are very happy to receive copies of schools forums' responses.

DfE deadline 11 October 2011

Please copy your responses to NGA as above

2 Implementation of the 2010-11 Review of Education Capital (The James Review)

This consultation aims to seek views on a number of key recommendations arising from the Independent Review of Education Capital by Sebastian James, published in April 2011, and the Government's response, published in July 2011. It covers implications for the way the Department allocates funding and manages its capital programme.

The consultation is intended to promote wider understanding of the James Review proposals and highlight common concerns to inform implementation. The aim is to ensure that the Department's capital investment achieves maximum efficiency, whilst taking account of the needs of the end user, e.g. schools, local authorities and other providers of education and services to children and young people.

The consultation can be found at: www.education.gov.uk/consultations/

Responses may be made online at: www.education.gov.uk/consultations/, sent by email to: CapitalReview.CONULTATION@education.gsi.gov.uk or by post to Jane Power, DfE, Ground Floor, Castle View House, East Lane, Runcorn WA7 2GJ

DfE deadline 11 October 2011

Please copy your responses to NGA

3 Proposed changes to the teacher disciplinary and induction regulations following the abolition of the General Teaching Council for England

The Education Bill, which was introduced on 26 January 2011, makes provision to abolish the GTCE and give responsibility to the Secretary of State to operate a streamlined regulation system. The day-to-day administration of these functions will be undertaken by the new Teaching Agency. The Bill will put new arrangements in place for the regulation of the teaching profession which cover teachers in local authority maintained schools, non-maintained special schools, academies, free schools and independent schools, sixth form colleges, youth custody settings and children's homes.

This consultation provides details of the proposed changes to the disciplinary and induction regulations for teachers in England and the changes needed to legislation as a result of the GTCE's abolition.

The consultation can be found at: www.education.gov.uk/consultations/

Responses may be made online at: www.education.gov.uk/consultations/ or sent by email to: TeacherRegulations.CONULTATION@education.gsi.gov.uk or by post to: Lynne Stokes, Teacher Performance and Regulation Project, 6th Floor, 2 St Paul's Place, 125 Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 2FJ

DfE deadline 12 October 2011

Please copy your responses to NGA

4 Review of Personal, Social, Health and Economics (PSHE) Education

The Government promised in the Schools White Paper, *The Importance of Teaching*, that it would conduct an internal review to determine how to support schools to improve the quality of teaching of personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education. This consultation seeks views on the core body of knowledge that pupils need to acquire through PSHE education teaching, and ways to improve the quality of teaching.

The consultation can be found at: www.education.gov.uk/consultations/

Responses may be made online at: www.education.gov.uk/consultations/ or sent by email to: PSHEEducation.review@education.gsi.gov.uk or by post to Consultation Unit, DfE, Area 1C, Castle View House, East Lane, Runcorn WA7 2GJ

DfE deadline 30 November 2011

Deadline for comment to NGA 12 November 2011

5 Proposed changes to the newly qualified teacher (NQT) induction regulations for England

This consultation document provides details of the proposed changes to the NQT induction regulations for teachers in England. The current system for NQT induction is set out in *The Education (Induction Arrangements for School Teachers) (England) Regulations 2008*.

These proposals aim to reduce prescription and provide appropriate bodies and schools with the flexibility to exercise their professional judgement in relation to their own induction arrangements.

The consultation can be found at: www.education.gov.uk/consultations/

Responses may be made online at: www.education.gov.uk/consultations/ or sent by email to: NQTinduction.CONULTATION@education.gsi.gov.uk or by post to: Teacher Standards and Development Team, DfE, Level 4, Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT

DfE deadline 1 December 2011

Deadline for comment to NGA 19 November 2011

6 Auxiliary Aids for Children with Disabilities

This consultation deals with implementing the requirement for schools and local authorities to make reasonable adjustments to provide auxiliary aids for disabled children under the *Equality Act 2010*. Although the Equality Act covers England, Scotland and Wales, this consultation covers England only, as parallel consultations will be taking place in Scotland and Wales

The consultation can be found at: www.education.gov.uk/consultations/

Responses may be made online at: www.education.gov.uk/consultations/ or sent by email to: AuxiliaryAids.CONULTATION@education.gsi.gov.uk or by post to: Mark Sands, Special Needs and Disabilities Division, DfE, 1st Floor, Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT

DfE deadline 5 December 2011

Deadline for comment to NGA 24 December 2011

7 Local Associations Survey

This NGA survey has been sent to all Chairs of Associations or Key Contacts. If you have not received it, or you have not informed the NGA Office of a change to the Chair /Key Contact, please get in touch with the Office.

Please note details of the Survey were given in the NGA News Briefing on Friday 30.09.11

FOR INFORMATION

1 Key meetings attended by NGA in September

- HEG [Headteachers' associations, Directors of Children's Services and NGA] (14.09.11): discussed were: Head's Performance Management, Training for Chairs, NPQH re-design, pensions and 'son of SEF'.
- TEDx Conference (17.09.11):
- Advisory Group on Governance (AGOG) (23.09.11): the group continues to review governance and education issues.
- School Funding Implementation Group (23.09.11): continuing discussions on school funding issues.
- School Funding Implementation Group (30.09.11)

2 School Governors' One-Stop Shop (SGOSS)

The School Governors' One-Stop Shop is a charity dedicated to recruiting and placing school governors. Its services are free to schools, LAs, volunteers and employers. If your school's governing body has vacancies, or is seeking a volunteer with particular skills, contact SGOSS on 0207 354 9805.

Visit the SGOSS website at: www.sgooss.org.uk

3 NGA Guides available to purchase: two summer deals

The NGA Guides, with information on legislation, are purchased by over 50 local authorities as a credible source of information and guidance for governors. The publications are available at discounted rates for NGA members. Telephone **0121 237 3780** to take advantage of these deals.

Pack of Guides: A pack containing one of each NGA Guides can be purchased for the special discounted rate of £15 by NGA members – the rate will apply from now until 1 November.

Summer bulk buy deal – organisations purchasing more than 50 copies of NGA publications can now get 50% off.

The next updated edition of *Welcome to Governance* will be available in December 2011. So order now while stocks of the current edition last.

4 SchoolsWorld ~ the new Teachers' TV

As indicated in the May Bulletin Board, Government funding for Teachers' TV was withdrawn, meaning that Teachers' TV ceased operation. It was unclear what would happen to the archive of material. However, Ten Alps, the company largely responsible for Teachers' TV, has negotiated a 'non exclusive agreement' with the DfE to broadcast the entire back-catalogue on a new website service, SchoolsWorld. The new service began on 11 May. More information can be found via this link – [Schoolsworld](#).

5 Local Association websites

NGA is continually developing and improving our website and has introduced new regional pages. To provide useful information for NGA members, we have included a list of local associations, by region, that link through to local associations' websites. Please view the web page: [Local Association websites](#) If there are any changes you wish to make, please contact Gillian Allcroft, at: gillian.allcroft@nga.org.uk.

6 Regional stories needed

Have you held a successful event or do you want to share success stories on governance or your local association? We now have a regional page available in our membership magazine to enable you to communicate to a wider audience. If you have any story ideas, please contact editor@nga.org.uk

7 NGA Membership Benefits

Make sure your association is receiving all its benefits. Members of the executive committees of local associations are entitled to receive a copy of the NGA magazine, *Matters Arising* sent to their home address, to have access to the members' only section of the NGA website and to have the e-newsletter sent direct to their email address. If you have not yet given us the names, addresses and email addresses of your executive members, or if these have changed, please send details to: membership@nga.org.uk

8 Incentives for associations to encourage schools into NGA membership

Did you know that, if half of an association's members join the NGA (as governing bodies), then the association itself does not have to pay any membership fee to NGA? NGA has now extended this principle so that, if just one quarter of an association's schools becomes members of the NGA, we will halve the association's fee for the following year.

In addition, an association's members are be entitled to a £5 reduction on their school's NGA membership fee, which means that, instead of £63 for standard governing body membership, the school would pay NGA £58. If you are interested in promoting NGA membership to your schools, please e-mail governorhq@nga.org.uk.