

News from the National Governors' Association

Regional Meetings

The NGA Regional meetings will be taking place during February, March and April. Where dates for Regional meetings have been set they can be viewed on the Events Section of the NGA website - [NGA Events](#).

South East Region meeting to take place 11am on 22 February 2010 at the NCVO offices in London. For full details of the meeting please click on the attached link – [South East NGA meeting](#)

North East Regional Meeting to take place at 7pm on 2 March 2010 at Durham County Hall. For further details please click the attached link [North East NGA Regional Meeting](#)

Yorkshire and the Humber Regional Meeting – to take place at 7pm on 17 March 2010 at the Holiday Inn, Wakefield. For further details please click the attached link [Yorkshire & the Humber NGA Regional Meeting](#)

South West Regional Meeting – to take place on at 10.30 on 20 March 2010 at the Express by Holiday Inn Taunton. For further details please click the attached link [South West NGA Regional Meeting](#)

East Midlands Regional Meeting – to be held at 11am on 22 March 2010 – the meeting will be held in Nottinghamshire a venue has yet to be confirmed. For further details please click the attached link [East Midlands NGA Regional Meeting](#)

West Midlands Regional Meeting – to be held at 6.30pm on 24 March 2010 at the NGA Offices in Birmingham. For further details please click on the attached link [West Midlands Regional Meeting](#).

To book a place at a regional meeting please email governorhq@nga.org.uk or phone: 0121-237-3780.

Go East Conference 20 February 2010 – Imperial War Museum, Duxford

The East of England Region is not having a specific NGA Regional meeting this Spring, instead a conference has been arranged with the Government Office for the East of England. The conference will cover a number of topics including: a TDA overview of the 21st Century Schools White Paper, a workshop on working together in clusters and federations, working with Children's Trusts, safeguarding issues and 16-19 transition.

For the full conference programme click on the attached link – [Go-East & NGA Conference](#)

NB: Bookings for this conference need to be made via the Government Office for the East of England. A booking form is available to download from the NGA website via the attached link - [GO East & NGA Conference](#)

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Free School Meals on offer

The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) has announced a new round of bidding for local authorities to pilot universal free school meal services for primary age children.

RE in Schools

On 29 January, schools minister Diana Johnson launched the first ever programme of learning for primary religious education (RE), along with revised guidance for schools and local authorities on how to make sure RE helps pupils get a good knowledge and understanding of religion and belief in 21st century Britain.

Education Show – 4-6 March 2010 – NEC Birmingham

Consultations –

There are a number of current consultations which governors/governing bodies should be aware of as they will have an impact on governors/governance.

Clare's Blog

In this week's blog Clare muses on the pressures of recruiting a new headteacher. Read her views - [Chair's Blog](#)

Members can read the full weekly news briefing [here](#).

The NGA weekly news briefing is an essential document for any governor, clerk or governor support officer. The briefing gives details of new research, government consultation papers, policy announcements and legislation, together with a summary of recent education stories in the media.

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