

NGA News 16/4/10

Welcome back, the NGA hopes you all had a good Easter break without too much chocolate.

Members' Area – How to log-in

Members will be pleased to know that they do not need to remember their membership number to log-in to the website. You can log-in using your email address and password.

To read the full news briefing you will need to log-in to the website using either your membership number/email address and your password. The full news briefing can be viewed via the attached link – [NGA News Briefing 160410](#)

NGA Manifesto

You may have noticed that an election has been called. The NGA has published its own Manifesto;

The NGA Manifesto can be downloaded via the attached link – [NGA Manifesto](#)

Please pass the manifesto onto your local parliamentary candidates and elected local representatives or candidates, and any other interested partners. We would be very interested to hear what response you receive

Ministerial Review of Governance – *The 21st century School: Implications and challenges for governing bodies* – finally published

Surely not, you cry! Yes, but so quietly you probably didn't notice. With no fanfare the final report of the Review Group was published on Maundy Thursday. For more on this story see the full newsletter - [NGA News Briefing 160410](#)

The Children Schools and Families Act

The Act received Royal Assent on 8 April 2010. The Act bears little resemblance to the Bill which preceded it. To find out what's in and what's out read the full newsletter via the attached link - [NGA News Briefing 160410](#).

SATs Boycott

We are awaiting the outcome of the unions' ballot on the boycott of the SATs: as covered in our newsletter on 12th March. The DCSF is committed to providing governors with answers to some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). These are likely to put up on [GovernorNet](#) and will also be available on NGA's website as soon as the outcome of the ballot is known.

London Regional Meeting – 26 April 2010

The NGA London Regional meeting is taking place on Monday 26 April at City Hall.

For further details see the full newsletter via the attached link - [NGA News Briefing 160410](#)

Annual Joint Conference on Governance - Stakeholder School Governance Under Threat: What's Worth Fighting For? 17 June 2010 Bloomsbury Hotel, London

More details about this event can be found via the attached link - [Annual Joint Conference on Governance](#)

The NGA has a limited number of free places to offer members. These will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Free places are open to Individual, Governing Body and Local Association members - associations and governing bodies may only nominate one person for a free place. Members will be responsible for their own transport costs. To enquire about a free NGA member place please email the NGA Office: governorhq@nga.org.uk.

Election

If you do want to wade through the party manifestos (main parties) you can find them via the attached links:

Conservative Party - [Conservative Party Manifesto](#)

Labour Party - [Labour Party Manifesto](#)

Liberal Democrat Party - [Liberal Democrat Manifesto](#)

Clare's Blog

Read Clare's post-Easter blog here - [Chair's Blog](#)

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