

GOVERNOR TRAINING SESSIONS AUTUMN TERM 2017



Date, Time & Venue	Training Session	Course Details
<p>Tuesday 3 October 6.00-8.00pm Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry</p> <p>Wednesday 25 October 5.00-7.00pm Committee Room 2, Civic Offices, Barry</p> <p>Tuesday 14 November 6.00-8.00pm Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry</p> <p>Thursday 30 November 5.00-7.00pm Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry</p>	<p>Induction for New Governors</p>	<p>Induction training is mandatory for all newly appointed governors. This course provides an extensive introduction to school governance and the role of governors covering all the areas specified by Welsh Government under the prescribed Regulations..</p> <p>Please note that you only need attend one of these sessions as the same course will be delivered on each occasion.</p> <p>Trainer: Central South Consortium staff</p>
<p>Thursday 26 October 6.00-8.00pm Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry</p> <p>Tuesday 7 November 5.00-7.00pm Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry</p> <p>Tuesday 21 November 6.00-8.00pm Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry</p>	<p>Understanding School Performance Data</p>	<p>Data training is mandatory for all newly appointed and re-appointed governors. This course will explain how your Challenge Adviser will inform you as governors about your school data profile, target setting, value added performance, teacher assessment, pupil progress at Key Stages 1,2 & 3 and self evaluation. It will explain how self reflection and professional challenge within schools can be improved through the use of this data and the benefits of robust target setting leading to improved learner outcomes and wellbeing.</p> <p>Please note that you only need attend one of these sessions as the same course will be delivered on each occasion.</p> <p>Trainer: Central South Consortium staff</p>
<p>Wednesday 18 October 6.00-8.00pm Committee Room 2, Civic Offices, Barry</p>	<p>Health & Safety</p>	<p>This course will specifically focus on legal compliance with the appropriate H&S policies and procedures and maintenance of the school site and premises. It will contain elements already covered in courses with Headteachers and School Caretakers. It will also cover the setting up and maintenance of a school H&S Management file as good practice and is most relevant for those governors who are members of Health & Safety/Premises Committees but all governors with an interest in this key area are welcome to attend.</p> <p>Trainer: Tiffany Barker, Health & Safety Officer</p> <p>If governors would like to have any specific areas of H&S covered within this session please contact the Governor Support Unit (GSU) via governors@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk</p>
<p>Thursday 16 November 6.00-8.00pm Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry</p>	<p>Pupil Voice</p>	<p>The aim of this course is to help governors to gain the necessary knowledge, understanding and skills to support the development of effective pupil participation linked to Estyn's Common Inspection Framework, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act (2015). The training will cover relevant legislation, explain the Vale of Glamorgan Council bi-annual school council audit and explore how to implement pupil voice in a school setting.</p> <p>Trainer: Ve Van der Voode, Youth Participation Officer</p>
<p>Monday 20 November 6.00-8.00pm Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry</p>	<p>Improving Staff Wellbeing - Supporting schools as Health Promoting Workplaces</p>	<p>This is an interactive session aimed at increasing attendees' knowledge and understanding of their role in developing a health promoting workplace in schools as required by the Welsh Network of Healthy School Schemes National Quality Award (NQA). With levels of stress among school staff continuing to rise and retention a particular concern it is essential that schools have a clear policy on promoting staff wellbeing. The session will explore issues facing staff, provide a rationale for action, develop ideas to enhance wellbeing across their schools and outline specific ways that governors can support this work.</p> <p>Trainer: Christine Farr, Senior Health Promotion Specialist - Healthy Schools, Public Health Wales, Cardiff & Vale Public Health Team</p>
<p>Tuesday 28 November 6.00-8.00pm Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry</p>	<p>Safeguarding Children and Child Protection</p>	<p>The Education Act 2002 creates a statutory requirement for school governing bodies to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.</p> <p>The All Wales Child Protection Procedures 2008 set out the responsibilities of everyone who has concerns about the welfare of a child, including the responsibility to ensure that concerns are referred to social services or the police. This training will explore the legislative and guidance framework for safeguarding children, in order to promote clarity and consistency of practice and common standards in all schools.</p> <p>The session will set out the role and responsibilities of school staff, including the role of the designated Safeguarding governor, in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and protecting individual children from abuse and neglect. Course content will include information relating to risk factors for children, definitions and indicators of abuse and neglect, current themes in child protection, identifying significant harm, acting on suspicions, making referrals and the child protection process.</p> <p>Dorian Davies, Safeguarding Officer, School Improvement and Inclusion</p>

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<p>Tuesday 10 October 5.00-7.00pm Ty Dysgu, Nantgarw, Treforest, CF15 7QQ</p> <p>Monday 13 November 6.00-8.00pm County Hall, Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff, CF10 4UW</p>	<p>Performance Management of Headteachers</p>	<p>This briefing session will cover all aspects of the process and governors who are members of the appraisal panel for the performance management of the Headteacher should attend so that they have a clear understanding of their performance management role and responsibilities in order to fulfil them effectively.</p> <p>The objectives of the training are for governors to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the requirements of the regulations and how to implement them effectively; • Review the role of the performance management process in raising standards in your school; • Review how performance management becomes embedded in the broad context of the improvement process of the school; and • Review the operation of the performance management process including the roles and responsibilities of those involved. <p>Trainers: Central South Consortium staff</p>
<p>Tuesday 5 December 6.00-7.30pm Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry</p>	<p>Education Update & Briefing Session</p>	<p>This will be the eighteenth session following the success of the previous events that have attracted high numbers of governors whose evaluations were very positive. This event is aimed at Chairs and Vice Chairs but all governors are welcome to attend. The Director and Heads of Service (HoS) of the Learning and Skills Department will be there to outline forthcoming developments and answer questions from governors. Further specific details of this session will be circulated at a later date. This is an excellent opportunity for governors to meet the Director and the Heads of Service and to network with other governors. This event will be chaired by Dr Martin Price, Chair of the VSGA (Vale School Governors' Association).</p> <p>Trainers: Paula Ham, Director of Learning and Skills, Trevor Baker, Head of Strategy, Community Learning & Resources and David Davies, Head of Achievement for All</p>
<p>Wednesday 8 November 6.00-8.00pm Ty Dysgu, Nantgarw, Treforest, CF15 7QQ</p> <p>Wednesday 6 December 4.00-6.00pm Ty Dysgu, Nantgarw, Treforest, CF15 7QQ</p>	<p>Chair Training</p>	<p>This training session will support Chairs to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have the required knowledge and understanding to fulfil their role effectively to support school improvement, raise standards of performance, ensure pupils' wellbeing and improve the quality of education provided; • develop and enhance their understanding of the role of an effective Chair in leading the governing body; • enhance their confidence and leadership skills and their ability to develop effective relationships with their Headteacher, enabling them to offer both challenge and support to the school; • be aware of national and local educational issues and their impact on governing bodies; and • recognise the importance of training and the need to develop their skills and those of the governor body and take advantage of other training opportunities available to them. <p>Trainers: Central South Consortium staff</p>

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT REGISTERING FOR GOVERNOR TRAINING COURSES

Please ensure you register for all courses that you wish to attend. Registration enables us to make all the necessary catering, seating and copying arrangements for each training session. It also ensures that we are able to contact all attendees in advance in the rare event that a course is postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. Please register by emailing us at governors@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or by ringing **01446 709107 (direct line)**. All emails will be acknowledged and you will also receive a reminder email 7-10 days before each course.

Thank you for your support.

HOW TO BOOK

-  **EMAIL** your training bookings direct to governors@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk
-  or **RING** the Governor Support Unit on **01446 709107 (direct line)**.

FUTURE TRAINING COURSES

If you have any ideas or requests for future governor training sessions please email them to: governors@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk for consideration.