

Professional Learning Opportunities for Governors

2017 - 2018



Introduction

The Central South Consortium recognises the importance of governors and the key role that they play in supporting and challenging their schools.

To support them in this valuable role Central South Consortium is delivering the mandatory training sessions for governors. Alongside these mandatory sessions the Consortium will also deliver a number of sessions which are pertinent to their role in school improvement.

The termly briefings which proved very useful last year will continue and the themes of these will again focus on priorities related to school improvement and the work of the Consortium.



How to apply for courses:

To register a place on any governor training courses please email:

- CSCGovernor@cscjes.org.uk

Or contact your Local Authority Governor Support Unit:

- Bridgend
sarah-jayne.james@bridgend.gov.uk
- Cardiff
governor.services@cardiff.gov.uk
- Merthyr Tydfil
hayley.craze@merthyr.gov.uk
- RCT
governor.support@rctcbc.gov.uk
- Vale of Glamorgan
governors@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

All course bookings will be acknowledged 7 – 10 days prior to the course date.

If you are unable to attend any of the courses you have booked please inform CSCGovernor@cscjes.org.uk at your earliest convenience prior to the course date.

If there is insufficient demand for any course at any venue, it will be cancelled and you will be contacted and offered an alternative provision wherever possible.



Induction Training

This is a mandatory course for new governors and will ensure that they:

- Have the required knowledge and understanding to begin to fulfil their role effectively as a governor to support their school in raising standards;
- Are 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 take advantage of other training opportunities available to them.
- We recommend attending this course before the Understanding Data training.

Venue	LA	Date	Time
Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry	Vale	03/10/2017	18:00 - 20:00
Bryncelynog Comprehensive School	RCT	04/10/2017	17:00 - 19:00
Coleg y Dderwen, Bridgend	Bridgend	10/10/2017	18:00 - 20:00
St Teilo's CIW High School	Cardiff	12/10/2017	17:30 - 19:30
Tŷ Trevithick	RCT	19/10/2017	16:00 - 18:00
Unit 5, Triangle Business Park	Merthyr	24/10/2017	17:00 - 19:00
Council Chambers, Civic Offices, Barry	Vale	25/10/2017	17:00 - 19:00
Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry	Vale	14/11/2017	18:00 - 20:00
Ferndale Community School	RCT	16/11/2017	14:00 - 16:00
County Hall	Cardiff	22/11/2017	18:00 - 20:00
Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry	Vale	30/11/2017	17:00 - 19:00
Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry	Vale	23/01/2018	18:00 - 20:00
Porth Plaza	RCT	30/01/2018	14:00 - 16:00
St Teilo's CIW High School	Cardiff	01/02/2018	16:30 - 18:30
Unit 5, Triangle Business Park	Merthyr	05/02/2018	17:00 - 19:00
Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry	Vale	07/02/2018	17:00 - 19:00
Coleg y Dderwen, Bridgend	Bridgend	12/02/2018	18:00 - 20:00
Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry	Vale	27/02/2018	18:00 - 20:00
County Hall	Cardiff	01/03/2018	18:00 - 20:00
Aberdare Community School	RCT	06/03/2018	16:00 - 18:00
Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry	Vale	13/03/2018	17:00 - 19:00
County Hall	Cardiff	18/04/2018	17:30 - 19:30
Unit 5, Triangle Business Park	Merthyr	19/04/2018	17:00 - 19:00
Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry	Vale	24/04/2018	17:00 - 19:00
Cardinal Newman RC Comprehensive	RCT	30/04/2018	16:00 - 18:00
Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry	Vale	15/05/2018	18:00 - 20:00
Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry	Vale	12/06/2018	18:00 - 20:00
County Hall	Cardiff	20/06/2018	18:00 - 20:00
Tŷ Trevithick	RCT	28/06/2018	14:00 - 16:00

The following Induction Courses will be delivered through the medium of Welsh.

Tŷ Dysgu	CSC	23/11/2017	16:00 - 18:00
Tŷ Dysgu	CSC	19/03/2018	17:00 - 19:00

Data Training

- This is a mandatory course for new Governors and will provide them with an understanding of school performance data and the knowledge to enable them to ask questions about the data to fulfil their role effectively to raise standards in school.
- The training will also assist governors to carry out their roles effectively and to assess where improvements need to be made in schools to raise standards.
- We recommended attending our Induction training before this session.

Venue	LA	Date	Time
County Hall	Cardiff	18/10/2017	17:30 - 19:30
Tŷ Trevithick	RCT	25/10/2017	16:00 - 18:00
Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry	Vale	26/10/2017	18:00 - 20:00
Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry	Vale	07/11/2017	17:00 - 19:00
Bryncelynog Comprehensive School	RCT	09/11/2017	17:00 - 19:00
Unit 5, Triangle Business Park	Merthyr	14/11/2017	17:00 - 19:00
Coleg y Dderwen, Bridgend	Bridgend	15/11/2017	18:00 - 20:00
Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry	Vale	21/11/2017	18:00 - 20:00
Unit 5, Triangle Business Park	Merthyr	27/11/2017	17:00 - 19:00
St Teilo's CIW High School	Cardiff	29/11/2017	18:00 - 20:00
Ferndale Community School	RCT	07/12/2017	14:00 - 16:00
Unit 5, Triangle Business Park	Merthyr	24/01/2018	17:00 - 19:00
Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry	Vale	30/01/2018	18:00 - 20:00
Porth Plaza	RCT	08/02/2018	14:00 - 16:00
Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry	Vale	13/02/2018	17:00 - 19:00
County Hall	Cardiff	14/02/2018	16:30 - 18:30
Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry	Vale	07/03/2018	17:00 - 19:00
Unit 5, Triangle Business Park	Merthyr	08/03/2018	17:00 - 19:00
Coleg y Dderwen, Bridgend	Bridgend	15/03/2018	18:00 - 20:00
Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry	Vale	20/03/2018	18:00 - 20:00
County Hall	Cardiff	21/03/2018	18:00 - 20:00
Aberdare Community School	RCT	22/03/2018	16:00 - 18:00
Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry	Vale	03/05/2018	18:00 - 20:00
Cardinal Newman RC Comprehensive	RCT	14/05/2018	16:00 - 18:00
St Teilo's CIW High School	Cardiff	16/05/2018	17:30 - 19:30
Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry	Vale	24/05/2018	17:00 - 19:00
Unit 5, Triangle Business Park	Merthyr	14/06/2018	17:00 - 19:00
Coleg y Dderwen, Bridgend	Bridgend	21/06/2018	18:00 - 20:00
Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Barry	Vale	26/06/2018	18:00 - 20:00
St Teilo's CIW High School	Cardiff	03/07/2018	18:00 - 20:00
Tŷ Trevithick	RCT	05/07/2018	14:00 - 16:00

The following Data Training session will be delivered through the medium of Welsh.

Tŷ Dysgu	CSC	31/01/2018	17:00 - 19:00
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Chairperson Training

This is a mandatory course for New Chairs, but is also open for Vice-Chairs & will support them to:

- 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.

Venue	LA	Date	Time
Tŷ Dysgu	CSC	08/11/2017	18:00 - 20:00
Tŷ Dysgu	CSC	06/12/2017	16:00 - 18:00
Tŷ Dysgu	CSC	12/02/2018	17:00 - 19:00

Clerk Training

This is a mandatory course for new Clerks and is intended to support the acquisition of suitable knowledge and skills for persons to attain the standards required for a clerk to the governing body. The training will include:

- The statutory duties of the governing body clerk;
- Key roles, duties and responsibilities of the governing body and governing body Chair, including appointment and/or election of governors, Chairs and clerks and the establishment of committees;
- The administrative functions of the governing body clerk; and
- The advisory role of the governing body clerk.

Venue	LA	Date	Time
Tŷ Dysgu	CSC	28/11/2017	14:00 - 16:00
Tŷ Dysgu	CSC	06/02/2018	14:00 - 16:00

Performance Management Training

There is a new regional policy for performance management of teachers including headteachers. This training session is intended for Governors who sit on the headteacher performance management panel and aims to ensure that the role of that panel is clear and will support the professional development of the headteacher.

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County Hall	Cardiff	13/11/2017	18:00 - 20:00
Coleg y Dderwen, Bridgend	Bridgend	30/11/2017	17:00 - 19:00
Tŷ Trevithick	RCT	25/01/2018	16:00 - 18:00
Tŷ Dysgu	CSC	14/03/2018	16:00 - 18:00
Tŷ Dysgu	CSC	19/06/2018	16:00 - 18:00

Self-Improving School Systems Training

This session will ensure Governors have the required knowledge and understanding of the self improving school system and how this impacts on their role. It will also look at the wider opportunities for collaboration at all levels within the school system. The session is intended for all governors

Venue	LA	Date	Time
Tŷ Dysgu	CSC	11/10/2017	18:00 - 20:00
Tŷ Dysgu	CSC	14/02/2018	16:00 - 18:00
Tŷ Dysgu	CSC	19/04/2018	16:00 - 18:00



Challenge and Support Workshop

The Critical Friend aspect is one of the most important parts of the role of a Governor, yet it can also be one of the most difficult to accomplish. This is a new course for the Consortium and will look at the different ways that Governors can provide Challenge and Support. We will use the new Estyn Framework as a guide, as well as providing practical advice & examples of good practice to help Governors in this vital role.

Course	Venue	Date	Time
Challenge and Support Workshop	Tŷ Dysgu	27/03/2018	16:00 - 18:00

Nursery School Governor and Special School and PRU Governor Workshops

The Governing Bodies of Nursery Schools, Special Schools and the Management Committees of Pupil Referral Units often face challenges that their more mainstream colleagues do not.

In these workshops we will discuss and provide support on a range of these issues and challenges, from the perspective of Governors in these sectors.

If you have any specific items you would like to see covered in these sessions please contact: cscgovernor@cscjes.org.uk

Course	Venue	Date	Time
Nursery School Workshop	Tŷ Dysgu	02/05/2018	18:00 - 20:00
Special School & PRU Workshop	Tŷ Dysgu	10/05/2018	18:00 - 20:00



Other Courses

The Consortium also offers a series of events throughout the year that focus on a specific issue, area or topic that are important to our Governors. These sessions are open to all Governors; specific details will be published separately.

ALPS Training for Governors

ALPS delivers training sessions aimed at governors of schools with sixth forms and colleges in local authorities across England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Their training will focus on the importance for governors of ensuring that sixth form students make good or outstanding progress.

It gives them a good understanding of ALPS – the Advanced Level Performance System – both in terms of using our national benchmarks to set aspirational targets for teachers and students and in terms of using ALPS reports at the start of each academic year to evaluate student progress and school and subject performance.

To ensure the session is interactive it involves a case study using selected pages from an example ALPS A level and AS level reports.

Governors are also welcome to bring copies of their own school or college's reports.

Venue	LA	Date	Time
Tŷ Dysgu	CSC	26/10/2017	17:00 - 19:00

Termly Briefing Sessions

The Consortium, as part of our training programme, offers termly briefing sessions that cover a range of the "Hot Topics" in education.

Our Autumn term session will be focusing on the changes to the Estyn Inspection Framework and what impact this will have on the Strategic Role of the Governing Body. We will be providing details on our Spring Briefing session in due course.

We are also pleased to announce that based on the success of our inaugural event we will be holding our Second Annual Governors' Summer Conference in the Summer Term.

Course	Venue	Date	Time
Autumn Term Briefing	Tŷ Dysgu	18/10/2017	18:00 - 20:00
Spring Term Briefing	Tŷ Dysgu	TBC	TBC
Summer Conference	Cardiff City Stadium	TBC	TBC