

# OPPORTUNITIES TO JOIN OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Dudley Academies Trust is seeking passionate and dedicated individuals to join our Board of Trustees. This is a voluntary position where you can make a significant impact on the education and future of our learners across six schools in Dudley.

## About Dudley Academies Trust

Dudley Academies Trust was established in 2017 with the aim of ensuring that the young people of Dudley and the surrounding areas receive the best possible education and opportunities. Our mission is to provide high-quality education that lays the foundation for a fulfilling life and rewarding future careers. Since the Trust's inception, our secondary academies in particular have shown remarkable improvements in results, with all four secondary academies now performing at or above the national average for student progress.

With our Trust including two successful primary schools, we offer a comprehensive educational pathway from Nursery and Reception, and through our collaborative partnership with our sponsor Dudley College of Technology and the Black Country and Marches Institute of Technology we are part of an innovative Education Group. Through this partnership our learners have an unrivalled range of opportunities to progress through to further education including A Levels, T Levels, technical vocational courses, apprenticeships, and on to degree-level courses.



## Role and responsibilities

As a Trustee, you will:

- Provide strategic leadership and governance.
- Ensure the Trust meets its objectives and upholds its values.
- Oversee financial performance and ensure resources are well managed.
- Support and challenge the executive team to drive educational excellence.

The Trust is currently in an exciting phase of development having recently launched its next Strategic Plan and we are looking to expand our board membership and to succession plan for the future.



The board meets around six times a year (including development events). In addition, most Trustees serve on one of a number of committees which carry out detailed work and make recommendations to the board in the key areas of educational standards, finance, audit and risk, estates and personnel. The role of a trustee is not remunerated, but board members are able to reclaim travel and similar expenses incurred while performing their role.

## Who we are looking for

Whilst experience of the education sector is not essential, we are looking for individuals who:

- Have a passion for education and improving pupil outcomes.
- Possess strong strategic thinking and decision-making skills.
- Can commit time and energy to the role.
- Bring diverse perspectives and experiences.

As part of our commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion, where possible, we would particularly welcome applications from black, Asian and minority ethnic individuals, LGBTQ+ and disabled candidates.



## Benefits of being a Trustee

- Make a meaningful difference in the community.
- Gain valuable experience in governance and leadership.
- Network with like-minded professionals.
- Personal and professional development opportunities.

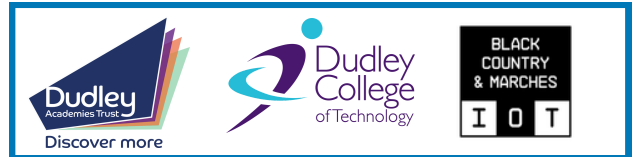
## Apply now

For more information or to apply, please contact Gill Darwood, Director of Corporate Governance via emailing:

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## The Dudley Education Group Arrangement

A pioneering Education Group is now established which legally cements the collaboration between Dudley Academies Trust, Dudley College of Technology and the Black Country and Marches Institute of Technology.



Through effective collaboration and joint investment, this partnership aims to improve the outcomes and opportunities for young people in the borough. The next phase of our development will focus on the provision of a seamless education offer, from early years to higher education with each educational institution optimising their resources, sharing specialisms and best practice for the benefit of all learners and wider stakeholders.

**16,300**

Learners

**1,496**

Staff

**£86m**

Budget

Join our Board of Trustees and become a catalyst for transformative education, empowering the next generation while shaping the future of our learning community!

