

Dear Sir, Madam

Are you thinking about helping the wider community with your time, skills and knowledge?

If so, a school Trustee is an excellent opportunity to do this. What is a Trustee?

'Trustees set the aims and objectives for the School, as well as the policies and targets for achieving them. They monitor and evaluate the progress their Schools are making towards achieving their goals in conjunction with the local governing bodies' [Role descriptions | National Governance Association \(nga.org.uk\)](#)

'The Willow Learning Trust' was established seven years ago in 2017 and comprises three local schools in Sutton and Merton Glenthorne High School, Aragon Primary School, and Abbey Primary School, all of which share a set of core values and are proud to belong to the Willow Learning Trust, but also maintain autonomy in leadership, governance, and their own identity.

The Trust and all its schools have high expectations and high standards, a vibrant extra-curricular programme, excellent behaviour management and safeguarding. Over the years with our rigorous approach and investment for the future, we have achieved exceptional outcomes for pupils

The Trust has a rich history in teacher training and includes the OFSTED outstanding-rated Sutton SCITT (School-Centred Initial Teacher Training), which is an alliance of nearly 30 secondary and primary schools in South London delivering outstanding teacher training for the teachers of tomorrow.

As a Trustee, you would be one of eight Trustees and three associate Trustees of the Willow Learning Trust. All Trustees attend Trust Board meetings which take place four times a year. Most Trustees generally also attend one of the WLT committees – Finance, Personnel or Standards which meet between once and five times a year. We are looking for Trustees with financial, HR, legal, educational or IT skills and knowledge and we try to appoint Trustees to the Committee which best suits their skill set.

Each school in the Trust has its own Local Governing Body and Glenthorne High School has a Curriculum Committee. One Governor and the Headteacher from each school attend each of the Trust Committees, so Trustees have close contact with Governors from the Academies in the Trust.

If you think this is a role you would enjoy and that you have the motivation, knowledge and skills to do it well, and that you could be a role-model for pupils, staff and other Trustees and Governors, you can contact me for more information through the Clerk or please write a brief letter of application including details of your experience and achievements to Mary Gill, Clerk to the Trustees mgi@willowlearningtrust.org.uk and we will be in touch.

Yours sincerely



S. Brown (Chair of Trustees)