



College Governor
Volunteer (unpaid)
Commitment 1- 2 days per month

Open to external applicants only

About you

Are you someone who can see the big picture with experience in an executive or non-executive board role? Are you looking for an opportunity to help lead the strategic direction of an organisation that really cares about its staff and students? Do you want to make a real difference and help shape and influence the next generation? If so, then this role could be the perfect opportunity for you to join The Sheffield College Governing Body.

The Role

As a member of the Governing Body your insights, skills, experience and ideas would widen our strategic perspective and help to shape the college's future development.

We are looking for people who have the following attributes.

1. **Committed** to the values and aims of The Sheffield College, its role in improving education and training within the City Region, and who are ambitious to achieve best possible outcomes for learners.
2. **Confident**, of an independent mind, able to lead and contribute to courageous conversations, to express their opinion and to play an active role on the board.
3. **Strategic thinker**, possessing an enquiring mind and an analytical approach someone understands the value of meaningful questioning.
4. **Challenging** being able to challenge without giving offence, not taking information or data at face value and always driving for improvement.
5. **Team player** who is prepared to listen to and collaborate with others, understanding the importance of building strong working relationships.
6. **Willing and able to learn** self-reflective, pursuing learning and development opportunities to improve their own and whole board effectiveness.
7. **Creative** able to challenge conventional wisdom and be open-minded about new approaches to problem solving. People who recognise the value of innovation and creative thinking to organisational development and success.

In addition to the above core attributes, we are currently looking to strengthen Board expertise **in further and technical education, curriculum quality, digital employment sector** and we are looking to strengthen our board diversity. We welcome expressions of interest from people from a black or minority ethnic background.

If you're excited about the scope of this role and the opportunity to have a real impact in a place that makes a difference to lives, then read the job description to find out more and apply today.

Benefits

As a charity, our governors are volunteers and unpaid. Our governors do find the role rewarding and we offer

1. full induction to the role
2. access to governor training and continuing professional development
3. reasonable out of pocket expenses
4. governor liability insurance cover.

The Sheffield College

The Sheffield College is proud to be one of three anchor education institutions in the city alongside both universities. Our mission is transforming lives through learning.

With around 1,300 staff, we teach and train more than 14,000 students and apprentices a year. We provide academic, vocational and professional qualifications, from entry through to degree level, and work with approximately 2,400 employers.

Education drives opportunities. The majority of our students are local and the city's talent pool and employees of the future.

Our students and apprentices get the qualifications and skills they need to go further in their careers including apprenticeships, employment and the next level course at college or university.

Our training solutions enable employers to address skills gaps, accelerate business performance and boost competitiveness and growth.

Our vision is that by 2025, we will be leaders in technical and academic education, creating exceptional opportunities for the communities that we serve to realise their aspirations.

Our Strategic Plan 2021-25 outlines our aims and ambitions that focus on four key themes: learning, people, partnerships and sustainability.

At The Sheffield College, our people are our biggest asset, and we invest in their professional development and success so that we can continue to achieve and deliver for our students, apprentices, partners and wider community.

We pride ourselves on having a 'can-do' culture and strong team spirit, regularly coming together to overcome challenges and celebrate our achievements.

The Governing Body's commitment and dedication are driven by recognition of the vital role and positive impact that our college has on our city and so many people's lives.

1. **Closing Date: Monday 8 November 2021 noon**
2. Shortlisting Date: 12 November 2021
3. **Interview Date: 6 December 08.00 – 15.00**

As a Leader in Diversity employer, we encourage applications from everyone and value diversity in our Governing Body and our workforce. We are also a Disability Confident Leader committed to removing barriers for applicants with a disability during our recruitment process, upon appointment and as a governor.

We are an employer who is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of students. The governor role is subject to safer recruiting procedures and confirmation of appointment is only made following an enhanced DBS check, satisfactory references and checks against relevant director and trustee registers.

Further information about the Governing Body is available on the “Becoming a governor” section of our website at <http://sheffcol.ac.uk/meet-the-team> where you can also access an Expression of Interest form.

For more information about this voluntary role please contact Alison Shillito, Clerk to the Corporation on 0114 260 2620, or by email to alison.shillito@sheffcol.ac.uk who can also arrange an informal discussion with John Mothersole, Chair of the Governing Body or Angela Foulkes, Chief Executive and Principal.

