

LSE School Governor Scheme
Supporting local schools to thrive

177



LSE staff and alumni attended a
scheme information webinar

102



applied to become a school
governor through Governors for
Schools

56



were appointed as governors and
trustees in schools as of May
2026

Connecting with LSE's local community

*"BACK
TO
SCHOOL!"*

6,000+

hours of volunteering completed

56 schools supported

24 local authorities
reached

Our governors

19

LSE staff

37

LSE alumni

Volunteer outcomes

82%

gained the knowledge and
skills needed for good school
governance

82%

felt more confident that they
could contribute to good
school governance

100%

applied their existing
expertise to support school
governance

Annual survey 2025 and 2026 (n=11)

Volunteer contributions

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*By drawing on my data analysis skills, I have
supported governors to focus on impact,
trends and outcomes, enabling more
informed decision-making*

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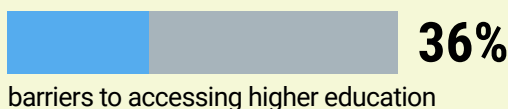
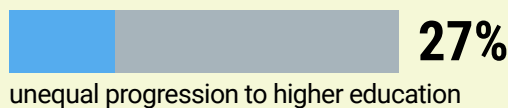
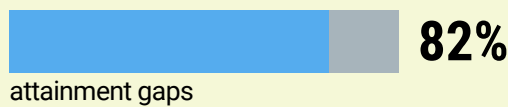
*I have brought mental health
and wellbeing into governance as a standing
agenda item*

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Educational inequality awareness

After joining the scheme, some volunteers also gained an increased understanding of...



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What our volunteers say

"I'd really recommend people to get involved as a governor/trustee. Working in higher education, it's really interesting to see how schools operate to support pupils before they reach us. Many schools (like ours) are struggling to fill governor vacancies and would love people with enthusiasm. Balancing the workload can be tricky, but I've definitely made use of LSE's Volunteering Leave policy."

Lori, Senior Planning and Operations Manager at LSE

What our schools say

"We are incredibly grateful for the contributions that university staff members make as governors. Their experience within the university sector brings fresh perspectives, and their ability to offer thoughtful, constructive challenge is invaluable in supporting our continued development."

Sugra Alibhai, Principal at Woodhouse College & CEO of the Frontier Learning Trust

Volunteer Network launched in 2026



163

mailing list signups



13

Teams channel members

How we'll develop the scheme

To build on the initial success of the scheme, volunteers suggested:

- providing more information about different types of roles on governing boards
- ensuring the Network becomes an active community with opportunities to meet and share best practice
- communicating with volunteers periodically after they have been appointed to a position
- reminding volunteers of LSE's generous Volunteering Leave policy