

Cheryl Kuit

I would like to be considered as the South East candidate on the NGA Board of Trustees. I have a solid governance background, with 10 years of experience in the education sector and 2 years as PCC Secretary under the Charity Commission regulations at St John's Church, East Sussex. I am able to help support the Board remain true to its charitable purposes through the understanding of the charity objectives and as required by law.

My clerking experience across the years is complementary to others who have performed the governing duties, and I feel I am in the perfect place to now use my skills on the other side of the table in support of the NGA Board, and ensure governors have all the tools they need to be effective. My commitment to best practice has been recognised on a national level and I look forward to putting that knowledge to work in furtherance of the aims of the NGA as it works to equip Trusts, Governors and Governance Professionals.

My work at the Diocesan Board of Education in Southwark brought me in contact with stakeholders who required termly reports of action and achieving KPIs, and how the Board would meet targets to ensure the Church of England vision for education in its schools was carried out. Through training run out of Union Street, I engaged with school staff, clergy and governors from 105 schools across the south of London and out into Surrey. And as a staff member I was a contributor to the process of setting objectives for the Board and how I would work to affect the progress in my areas of responsibility.

I am accustomed to reading and analysing the myriad documentation produced by the various legislative bodies that have an impact on schools and feel I can add to the Board's risk management strengths to ensure that the NGA does not fall foul of or breach any of the requirements from these controls. I am a member of the risk management team at Highworth that meets termly to review the risk register.

I manage the policy register and as such remain up to date with the legislation and school practice changes, in reaction to trends developing or due to foresight to predict new needs that would benefit the school. By liaising with the SLT and Heads of Department, I use soft power to influence actions, raise concerns and seek understanding.

I am enthusiastic and always willing to learn to enhance the skills I possess. This year I have taken a fresh look at my career pathway and feel now is the time to add another layer to my knowledge through becoming a Trustee. This will allow me to contribute to the wider industry sector, to engage more fully with strategic thinking and share common attributes with governors local to me.