Vikki Semple

Nomination for election for the North West region

Personal Statement

Governance is a career that chose me, and over the years I have become incredibly passionate about the difference that strong and effective governance can make to our education system and to the life chances of future generations. I have worked in school governance for over 20 years and am currently Head of Governance and Compliance for a multi-academy trust. Before this, I led Governor Support Services in two local authorities and managed clerking services supporting hundreds of schools. I was also privileged to serve as a National Leader of Governance, carrying out external reviews and working alongside boards to help them make practical improvements.

I have also served as a governor in multiple schools, as a trustee in a multi academy trust and a member of interim executive boards. This combination of professional and voluntary experience has given me a strong understanding of the challenges boards face and reinforced my commitment to helping them achieve the best outcomes for children and young people. The NGA plays such an important role in championing effective governance and supporting those who give their time to serve schools and trusts.

The NGA's support has been invaluable throughout my journey in governance. If elected, I would bring not only my sector knowledge, but my practical governance experience and understanding of the challenges facing boards. I would also bring a strong understanding of compliance, accountability and risk, and would contribute constructively to the Board's strategic oversight and collective decision-making. I would work collaboratively to ensure the organisation continues to represent, champion, support, and develop school and trust governance at a national level, while remaining responsive to the evolving needs of governors, trustees, and governance professionals. I would be honoured to contribute my experience and expertise to the NGA Board and support its continued success and influence across the education sector.