

## **Become a governor of The Sheffield College**

The Sheffield College is seeking outstanding individuals to join our Governing Body.

The Sheffield College makes a big contribution to the economy and vitality of Sheffield and the region by providing academic and vocational courses to more than 15,000 young people and adults a year. A recent research report by Economic Modelling Specialists International (EMSI), an independent research consultancy, assessed that overall impact of the College is worth £282.5 million annually in added income in the region, equivalent to 1% of Sheffield City Region's Gross Regional Product. Find out more about our [economic impact](#). Find out more about our [strategy](#). Find out more about our [EDI](#) performance.

We know that we have a major impact on students, inspiring them to go further in their careers, acquiring qualifications and skills that prepare them for work and for life. Many of our students originate from and stay on in Sheffield, they go on to make a real contribution, by getting a job and building a career, or by setting up their own business, or continuing in further studies. We are the city's college, serving our local communities and commended for our partnership working with local employers. Our governors provide leadership, work with senior managers to shape our strategy and act as our ambassadors.

The College continues to invest in new facilities for engineering and manufacturing, sustainable construction, creative and digital media and performing arts. We recognise the need to keep investing in resources, people and technology to give our students the best possible learning experience and preparation for the future.

As a governor, your insights, experience and ideas would widen our strategic perspective and help to shape the College's future development. At this time, we are keen to increase the diversity of the board to reflect more closely the communities the College serves, particularly in relation to ethnicity and age. Therefore, we strongly encourage expressions of interest from younger and from people from a BEM background.

The vacancy for new governors is available from August 2020. We are looking for people who:

- support the mission of the College and are confident about working at a strategic level;
- have insights, skills and experience, particularly in the sectors listed;
- enjoy engaging with young people and can commit some time to getting involved in the work of the College and
- are prepared to have their own activities as a governor scrutinised by colleague members of the Governing Body.

To complement the skills mix of the Board, we are interested (although not exclusively so) in expressions of interest from people with expertise in any of the following areas:

- senior experience in the FE and skills sector (not current College staff or students);
- professional qualification or equivalent experience in estates management or property development;
- professional qualification or experience at a senior level in Human Resources;
- a qualified solicitor or someone with comparable legal qualification or paralegal experience.

Appointments to the Governing Body are for two years in the first instance with the likelihood of extension to four years by mutual agreement. Being a governor is a voluntary role so there is no remuneration other than reasonable out of pocket expenses. Governors typically commit on average between one to two days of effort per month to the College. We recognise that Governors differ widely in their availability and we strive to ensure that busy people can nevertheless make an effective contribution to the Board.

Further information about the Governing Body is available on the [Governance](#) section of the College website, where you can also access an Expression of Interest form [here](#). 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](mailto:alison.shillito@sheffcol.ac.uk).

Please return your completed expression of interest form by **9 April 2020** for consideration by the Search, Governance and Remuneration Committee of the Governing Body. Interviews will be held on **5 and 7 May 2020 (PM)**. New appointments may run from 1 August 2020, or possibly later in the 2020/21 academic year, by agreement. To arrange an informal discussion contact Seb Schmoller, Chair of the Governing Body ([seb.schmoller@sheffcol.ac.uk](mailto:seb.schmoller@sheffcol.ac.uk)) or Angela Foulkes, Chief Executive and Principal ([angela.foulkes@sheffcol.ac.uk](mailto:angela.foulkes@sheffcol.ac.uk)).