

## **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 technical courses to more than 14,000 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. There is more information on our website ([here](#)) about our [economic impact](#), our current [strategy](#) and [equality and diversity](#) 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 prepare them for the future.

As a governor, your insights, experience and ideas will 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 we serve, particularly in relation to ethnicity. Therefore, we strongly encourage expressions of interest from people from a BEM background.

The vacancy for a new governor is available from August 2021. We are looking for people who are:

- Committed: support the mission of the college and can commit time to the role
- Confident: of an independent mind, able to lead and contribute to conversations
- Strategic thinker: appreciating the bigger picture and the value of meaningful questions
- Team Player: prepared to listen to and collaborate with others, able to build strong working relationships
- Willing and able to learn: self-reflective, pursuing learning and development opportunities to improve their own and whole board effectiveness
- Creative: able to challenge conventional wisdom and be open-minded about new approaches to problem solving
- Challenging: being able to challenge without giving offence and prepared to have their own activities as a governor scrutinised by other members of the Governing Body.

To complement the skills mix of the Board, we are particularly interested in expressions of interest from people with senior experience in the FE and skills sector (not current staff or students of The Sheffield College).

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 is available on the [Governance](#) section of the College website, where you can also access an Expression of Interest form. For more information about this voluntary role please contact Alison Shillito, Clerk and Governance Advisor on 0114 260 2696 or by email at [alison.shillito@sheffcol.ac.uk](mailto:alison.shillito@sheffcol.ac.uk). If you are interested in joining the board, we strongly encourage you to contact Alison to arrange an informal discussion with the chair of the search panel or Angela Foulkes, Chief Executive and Principal.

If you are ready to apply, please download and complete an expression of interest form and return it by email to [alison.shillito@sheffcol.ac.uk](mailto:alison.shillito@sheffcol.ac.uk). The Clerk will acknowledge all expressions of interest received within two working days and let applicants know the timescale for the next cycle of governor selection.