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SCHOOL AND COLLEGE CLERKS

Improving Governance Practices in a Dynamic Education Landscape

Conference Programme

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1st September 2023

9.30 am - 12.30 pm

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JOINING INSTRUCTIONS

We are pleased to confirm that a place has been reserved for you at our conference to be held on **Friday 1st September 2023** commencing at 9.30 am. Below you will find information to help you get the most out of the conference where, all you will need to bring along is yourself and something to write with/on, PLUS this programme! If you have any queries please contact us at info@nascc.co.uk.

MEETING PLATFORM

The event will be held and recorded via Zoom and you must register to receive the event link. Registration **closes on 31st August 2023 at 5.00 pm**.

[CLICK HERE](#) and you will be taken to the registration page on Eventbrite. The conference link will be sent to you 24/48 hours prior to the event and again after the registration process closes on Thursday. If you do not receive it, please let us know, however our team will be heavily involved in the organising of the event so you may need to wait for the recording to become available if we are unable to respond to your email in time.

TIMING

The conference is due to commence promptly at 9.30 am and will run until approximately 12.30 pm. We want to make sure you have every opportunity to engage with us throughout, so please be on time especially when returning from comfort breaks/breakouts.

ON THE DAY

Once on the platform we will see and hear you so please ensure your mic is off at appropriate times to reduce confusion/distracton.

Q&A SESSION

We have included a Q&A session within our conference programme however, you are free to submit any questions prior to the event by emailing info@nascc.co.uk. Alternatively, on the day, please utilise the chat box to ask questions and if we run out of time, we will make sure responses are published on our website or in our mailings - anonymously of course.

MAILING LIST

If you've not yet subscribed to our mailing list, please take the opportunity to do so to make sure you don't miss any of our future events and publications.





WELCOME

It brings us immense pleasure to extend a warm and enthusiastic welcome to each and every one of you attending our second NASCC Clerks Conference. This conference marks the commencement of a brand-new academic year, and we are thrilled to see hundreds of dedicated governance professionals from across the country in attendance. Your presence here is a testament to your commitment to excellence in your roles as stewards of governance, and it fills us with optimism for the year ahead.

The world of governance is evolving rapidly, presenting us with both challenges and opportunities and as governance professionals/clerks, we are entrusted with the vital task of guiding our governing boards through these dynamic times. The decisions we make, the wisdom and knowledge we share, and the relationships we nurture are integral to the success of our schools and the children within them.

This conference is not just a gathering of professionals; it is a platform for inspiration, knowledge sharing, and collaboration. Across the whole morning, we will engage in meaningful discussions, gain insights from experts, and exchange experiences that will shape our journey ahead. Together, we will explore innovative strategies, best practices, and emerging trends that will empower us to lead with confidence.

Let this conference serve as a reminder of the important role we play in shaping the future and we encourage you to actively participate, network, and soak in the collective wisdom present in the virtual room. Let's use this conference as a springboard to propel us into an extraordinary new academic year, one filled with accomplishments, growth, and shared success.

Thank you for being a part of this vibrant community of governance professionals and together, we will make this year remarkable.

Warm regards

Sharon Warmington



Sharon Warmington | Education Governance Solutions

Sharon has worked in governance since the early 1990s and more recently has completed a 12-month contract with Ormiston Academies Trust as Head of Governance and Company Secretary.

As Founder of NASCC and Host of the conference, Sharon will be on hand for the Q&A sessions and will also deliver a session on Understanding the use of AI platforms ie Chat GPT, in the governance space.

CONFERENCE HOST AND SPEAKERS

NASCC has invited its sector partners and friends to bring you a range of information and insight into the many services available to you as clerks and governance professionals. Each 'session' will run for circa 15 mins, leaving 5 mins for Q&A where you can ask the question directly or use the chat function accordingly. This will be a safe space for us to learn from each other and start the year in a positive way.



Neil Collins | The Key Group

Neil co-founded GovernorHub in 2013 and is now in charge of governance at The Key Group. Neil was a Chair of Trustees at a Norfolk MAT for many years and is currently a trustee at a special school in Norwich. Neil will focus on the area of technology and its increasing impact on governance.



David Ardill/Charlie Western | Governors for Schools

David (Head of Trustee Recruitment), and Charlie (Senior Partnerships Manager), will discuss how Governors for Schools work with schools and trusts to ensure they find candidates for schools, whilst also providing training and support to ensure volunteers are effective in their role as quickly as possible.



Emma Woodhouse | Attingham Education

Emma has wide and varied experience in the sector and after building on that experience by creating her own clerking service, Attingham Education provides governance support nationally. In her session, Emma will focus on the pros and cons of choosing and using a clerking service for your school or trust.



Lesley Dolben | United Learning

As Head of Local Governance, Lesley is a skilled governance professional, developing robust local governance across the academies and independent schools within United Learning. United Learning is the largest MAT in England with some 99 schools and growing! Lesley will talk about how she is leading the creation of an Apprentice Level 4 programme for clerks and governance professionals.

Conference Agenda

9.30 **WELCOME AND OVERVIEW**

Sharon will provide the official welcome and include an overview of its format and structure.

9.40 **RECRUITING GOVERNORS**

David and Charlie will duet as presenters with a focus on how clerks can proactively recruit trustees and governors

10.00 **CLERKING SERVICES**

Using clerking services has its pros and cons so Emma will provide an outline of both, taking any questions you may have.

10.20 **LET'S TALK - BREAKOUT 1**

This first breakout session will randomly put you into small groups to find out what specific support you need as we begin the year.

10.45 **APPRENTICESHIP LEVEL 4**

Lesley is very keen for CPD to be part of the clerks agenda and will provide an update on this Level 4 qualification.

**There will be a comfort/
coffee break at 11.00 am.**

11.10 **TECHNOLOGY AND YOU**

There is no way we can avoid the technological changes taking place, so Neil will talk about what this means for governance professionals.

11.30 **LET'S TALK - BREAKOUT 2**

Our second breakout session will again create random groups to focus discussions on what you're looking forward to and what you are dreading the most.

11.50 **CHAT GPT AND GOVERNANCE**

Building on Neil's session, Sharon will end the conference topics with a live demo of Chat GPT and how she is using it within her own organisation for governance and training.

12.15 **OPEN Q&A SESSION**

Now it's time for you to ask any remaining burning questions for any speaker or generally what you want to know and how NASCC may assist you.

12.25 **SUM-UP/EVALUATION/CLOSE**

In the final few minutes we need you to complete a short evaluation whilst we formally thank our speakers and you, for joining us.



Questions to ask...

Q1.

Q2.

Q3.

Q4.

SHORT TERM GOALS/ACTIONS (THINGS I MUST DO BY DECEMBER 2023)

PEOPLE I NEED TO SPEAK WITH TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN

YOU SHOULD

Action Plan 2 'Shoulds'

Did You Know?
You can actually type text into the boxes below.

MEDIUM TERM GOALS/ACTIONS (THINGS I SHOULD DO BY EASTER 2024)

PEOPLE I NEED TO SPEAK WITH TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN

Focus on the
Long Term

LONG TERM GOALS/ACTIONS (THINGS I COULD DO BY JULY 2023)

PEOPLE I NEED TO SPEAK WITH TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN

**Don't forget to register
via EventBrite ([CLICK
HERE](#)) to receive the link
to join the conference
AND the replay link for
the recording.**

SEE YOU SOON



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