

## Rising to the challenge – governor training conferences

### Overview

The pace of change for schools since May 2010 has been unprecedented. It is therefore essential that learners are served by well-informed and effective governing bodies.

The schools system is facing continuous and significant reform. The speed of change has led to many schools considering the options for creating partnerships with other schools in order to formalise relationships with the local family of schools and to understand and investigate the potential of collaboration as a way of delivering school improvement. The academies programme has introduced further options for collaboration which governors are beginning to consider. Many schools have already responded by moving away from potential isolation and towards ‘collaborative autonomy’ through partnership with other schools, collaboration, academy groups and other alliances. When determining what the best way forward is for your school, it is important that governors clearly understand their role and duties under the different options. Browne Jacobson and CATS have extensive experience of working with governing bodies and school leaders in developing new structures.

In these conferences we will go behind the political rhetoric to look at the evolving educational landscape. A range of experts will deliver a series of practical workshops designed to equip governors with the latest information and best practice. In particular, we will consider the impact of the Education Act 2011, explore the impact of the academy programme on school governance and consider the wide range of collaborative models schools are implementing to deliver a self-improving school system in their locality.

We are pleased to announce that the National College and RSM Tenon (leading education accountants) are supporting the conferences and both will be running a workshop each.

### Topics for discussion (in keynote and choice of five workshops)

- The changing educational landscape
- The implications of the Education Act 2011
- Structures for working in collaborations and partnerships
- The implications of academy conversion
- The difference between the duties of governors of maintained schools and academies
- Financial issues for governors

### Venues

Area	Place	Date
Yorkshire and Humberside	Hinde House, Sheffield	21 January 2012
West Midlands	Arden Academy, Solihull	28 January 2012
South East	Thornden School, Chandler's Ford, Hampshire	3 March 2012
East Midlands	Samworth Enterprise Academy, Leicester	10 March 2012

### Timings

9am to 12.30pm for all sessions.



**Booking form**

The fee per delegate for each conference will be £95.00 + VAT (£114 in total) to be paid in advance and at the time of booking. Payment is to be made via cheque payable to 'Browne Jacobson LLP' and sent for the attention of Anneka Rehman at Browne Jacobson LLP, 44 Castle Gate, Nottingham, NG1 7BJ.

When sending payment, please write your name and the conference you wish to attend on the back of the cheque, so that we can attribute your payment accordingly. Confirmation of booking will not be sent until receipt of payment.

Please therefore complete the details below and send your form with payment for the attention of Anneka Rehman at the above address.

Please specify the number of places you wish to book and provide a contact name for the lead booker .....

Please confirm which conference venue/date you wish to attend .....

Position held .....

Organisation name .....

Address (please provide address to which VAT invoice/receipt can be sent) .....

Email address .....

Contact number .....

We would also like to add your details to our respective databases for the purpose of sending free bulletins, updates and training invites from CATS and Browne Jacobson. Please note that we will not pass on your details to any other organisation or third party.

Please tick in the box if you don't wish to receive this information from Browne Jacobson.

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**Cancellations**

All cancellations and non attendance must be made via email to [education.governance@brownejacobson.com](mailto:education.governance@brownejacobson.com).

Cancellations received between 8 and 14 days prior to the conference will be subject to a 50% charge. Cancellations received within 7 or less working days notice and non attendance will be charged at the full fee. If you are unable to attend, substitutions can be made without charge.

**Unforeseen circumstances**

We reserve the right to cancel the conferences, change venues and substitute conference speakers at our discretion. If this event is cancelled, delegates will receive a full refund of fees paid if alternative dates are not acceptable.