

Trustee/Non-Executive Director – September 2025 Start

Coastal Learning Partnership is a Multi-Academy Trust of twenty schools in the Bournemouth, Poole and Dorset area. The Partnership is a diverse range of schools and that is one of its strengths: infant, junior, primary, large, small, rural, urban, church and community schools – this varied mix of delightful schools work in close collaboration for shared benefit. Further information about the Partnership can be found on the [Coastal Learning Partnership](#) website which also provides a list of each of the schools and links to their websites.

The Partnership is pleased to be seeking two **non-executive director/trustees** to join the Trust Board and contribute to the Board's efforts to ensure the best possible educational experience for every child. Trustees play a key role in the future long-term development of the Partnership.

The trust is open to applications from individuals who bring general organisational leadership experience gained in large organisations in any sector. We are particularly keen on speaking to people with the expertise / experience / passion in any of the following broad areas:

Financial and Resource Management
Legal
IT / Cyber Security

All trustees sit on the Trust Board and either the Finance & Resources Committee or Achievement Committee, according to individual experience and interest. Meetings for both are held every half term and, because they are partly held online, it is easy to contribute fully and meaningfully without having to travel. It can fit in well around work and home life and it doesn't matter if you do not live local to the Partnership or any of its schools. Your ability to contribute is more important than geography!

CLP is keen to hear from anyone whose interest is caught by this advert. In particular, given that the Board is seeking to increase its own diversity to further strengthen its decision-making, we would be especially pleased to hear from people from black, Asian and other minority ethnicities and people with disabilities as these groups are currently under-represented on the trust board.

Trusteeship is a voluntary, unpaid role for people who have the energy and skills to make a real contribution to shaping the future of our schools. It is not essential to have in-depth knowledge of a school environment – you only need an ability to commit to around 8-12 hours per term and a desire to make a difference. Further information on being a trustee can be found [here](#)

Finding out more and applying

If you would like further information or a chat about this role, please email Sue Bennett, Clerk to the Trustees and Governance Coordinator, with your details and our Trust Board Chair, Martin Copey, will get in touch.

Applications should take the form of a CV and a short expression of interest outlining your specific skills and interest and should be emailed to: sue.bennett@coastalpartnership.co.uk.

Closing date: Friday 23rd May 2025 (the advert may be withdrawn earlier if a suitable number of candidates is found)

Please note:

- No employees of CLP, other than the CEO, can be appointed as a trustee
- Applications are welcome from current local governors within the Partnership but if appointed they would need to resign from their role as a local governor.

Please share this advert with anyone you know who you think might be interested by this role.