

**YOU could help primary school pupils get their best possible start in life – interested?** Newhall Primary Academy and Nursery is part of one of the top performing academy trusts in the country. We need civic-minded, skilled individuals like you to champion and challenge our work. Is this your chance to make a difference?

**What is an academy?** Academies are state schools funded directly by central Government rather than run by local authorities. Academies have extra freedoms (for example to procure services directly) but are subject to the admissions code and must provide a broad and balanced curriculum.

**Who are REACH2?** We are an academy trust, a charitable company running 60 academies across England. All our academies are non-selective primaries and we choose to work in some of the most deprived communities in England. Don't worry – you may not have heard of us, we don't believe in lots of corporate branding; we want our schools to flourish in their own right, not deliver a one-size education. And we make a big difference: over 80% of our schools are judged "good" or "outstanding" by Ofsted, 80% having been "inadequate" when they joined the trust.

**What do we need from you?** We want your skills, strategic thinking and willingness to challenge and push us harder. We believe in effective and independent governance at national, regional and local academy level.

**There is a vacancy for you on our Local Governing Body at Newhall Primary Academy and Nursery in Harlow.** We are looking for skills/expertise in finance, strategy, data analysis, risk management, health and safety and marketing. Experience of the education sector would be a bonus but is certainly not essential. Joining our Local Governing Body would involve you in:

- 2 meetings per term, three terms a year – meetings take place at the school and dates/times are scheduled around members' availability as far as possible.
- ideally, a couple of classroom visits or similar per year during school hours
- occasional other events e.g. to meet parents or join governors from other schools for training sessions.

Reasonable travel expenses are payable from the school budget.

**What will you get out of it?** Aside from the buzz of making a difference to kids? You can:

- develop/broaden/deepen your expertise in another context
- demonstrate team-building and team-working skills
- network with other professionals and community leaders.

**Want more information?** See our website at [www.reach2.org](http://www.reach2.org), further information specific to our governance structure is available [here](#), and a general introduction to the role of governors including a 4 minute video [here](#).

**Interested?** Please contact [office@newhallacademy.org](mailto:office@newhallacademy.org).