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It is difficult in the current times to consider how visible we are as governors, but the NGA has just re-launched a campaign towards more visible governance after a pause during Covid.

'We're encouraging governors, trustees and clerks to be bold and be positive about sharing what they do and why they do it, highlight their contribution to the education system and shine a light on the difference that good governance makes to the success of schools and trusts.' NGA 11.01.21

We as the executive of LASGB have always championed this cause and we regularly ask for nominations for one of our awards. Although currently it may be difficult to find a socially distanced opportunity to make presentations to the recipients, we will be catching up with those from the past year hopefully by the end of the summer. So, continue to nominate your governors for LASGB awards this year - before the end of July. Follow the link on the website: <https://www.lasgb.org.uk/about-us/>

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So how can we, as individual governing boards and individual governors raise the profile of governance within our schools? Members have found the following ideas help but what can you add?

- Ensure all governors have an identity badge and lanyard marked governor which highlights their role when in school.
- Hold a 'getting to know you' session with staff, governors, and students at the start of the year.
- Attend school social events and parents' evenings, always wearing the badge, and interact informally with parents and staff.
- Consider presenting your school governor visits policy to staff so they know who you are, why you need to visit and so they might share their own good practice with you.
- Include a governor section on your school newsletter, web page and social media.
- Consider how, when, and how often you ask for stakeholder views. Don't just limit this to parents, staff, and students - how do you involve local businesses also for example?
- Consider how governors might be part of any media item.
- Consider how governors might be involved in presentation or prize evenings. Would the Chair give out prizes or make a speech?

Special Schools Workshop | 19/5/21

The LASGB will be holding a Virtual Workshop, tailored for Special School Governors, on Wednesday 19 May 2021; the event will commence at 19:00 hrs and last for about 2 hours.

Subjects to be covered include Preparation for Adulthood and Catch-Up Funding. Any ideas/suggestions that you may have regarding the Workshop can be sent via the "Contact Us" facility on the LASGB Website.

Further details on the Workshop, including how to book, will be published on the LASGB website nearer the time.



Almost 75% of Lancashire's Schools/Academies are members of the LASGB

LASGB Workshop | The support - challenge pendulum during Covid restrictions

On Wednesday 10th March we had our first online Training Workshop. It was really well attended by over 40 Governors from the whole range of schools.

The title was Governance in a Crisis and featured a shift from Challenge to Support in these unprecedented times. It was led by Neil Yates who is a National Leader in Governance and an LCC Trainer. He has been a Governors for over 18 years and is currently chair of a small Catholic Primary School.

During the presentation, the Governors were split into small groups to discuss how Covid 19 had affected their school which produced some very interesting debate the main points of which were then fed back in the plenary session. Governors were challenged on the issue of Whole School Well Being. The final session was on where we go from here Emerging from the Lockdown. At the end Neil thanked all Governors for the amazing job they have done in very difficult circumstances.

Neil did an amazing presentation which was very much appreciated by all those who took part. For those who missed it the slides from the presentation will be available on our website.

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