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This email is sent to all members of the LASGB, covering information which we hope you will find of interest. Your comments on the contents of the email, or any other matters, will be very welcome. For more information about the LASGB please email johnmdavey@btinternet.com.

LASGB Spring Mini-Conference

Date for your diary. The next LASGB Mini-Conference, “**A Broad and Balanced Curriculum KS3 & 4**”, will be held at the Ribby Hall Conference Centre, Ribby Road, Wrea Green PR4 2PR on 8th March at 18:30 for refreshments. The speaker will be Paul Dyson-Knight, Team Leader Secondary Advisors at LCC. As with all our conferences, all governors from member governing bodies are welcome. Book your place early using this link [here](#). Although this is a secondary subject, it may be of value to primary governors to see how children are expected to develop post 11 and to primary governors who may be secondary in the future. Please remember to add any LASGB conferences to your training record.

We are restyling our mini-conferences to WORKSHOPS as this better reflects the interactive nature of the evenings.

Have you an idea for a workshop, is there something that you wish to discuss then please let us know [here](#).

23rd LASGB Annual Conference

Early notification of the 23rd LASGB Annual Conference to be held at the Best Western Premier Hallmark Hotel Preston, Leyland, Leyland Way, Leyland, Preston PR25 4JX on Saturday 20th May 2017. Key note speaker will be [Dr. Christine Hough](#). Registration from 9:00 with the conference starting at 9:30. The conference will end by 13:30.

Future of Education at County Hall

The LASGB executive have a regular meeting with LCC governor services to discuss issues facing governors and we share these with you here, on our website and in the LASGB insert. At the latest meeting with governor services we discussed the proposed new structure of the Department of Children's Services at LCC and we would like to share this with you but we cannot as it is considered confidential. The appointment of the new director, Amanda Hatten, may see things change as the LASGB executive are sure she will want to stamp her views on her team. We have expressed some concerns about the status of Education within the new structure and have written to County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, cabinet member for children and young people, County Councillor Nicky Hennessy, lead member for schools, and Jo Turton, chief executive. We recognise the financial issues faced by the county council and support their efforts to provide the best services for our young people.

Who knows you have been trained?

When the inspector calls, one of the things they will be looking for is evidence of the skills of your governing body. Evidence of appropriate training undertaken by members of the governing body is an important part of your school's portfolio, but who keeps this record? If you subscribe to training from LCC governor services, then they will keep the record of your LCC training which your link governor can access. In the world of multiple training providers you need to record training events within school, GEL courses, LASGB conferences, PREVENT training, in fact any event where you improve your knowledge of governance should be recorded.



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NGA Annual Conference: Workshop Reports

In November, LASGB exec members attended the NGA national conference in Manchester.

The editor would like to thank Janet Hamid for her synopsis of the workshop – Secondary Curriculum – Broad and Balanced which was presented by Emma Knights, NGA Chief Executive.

The workshop explored questions governing boards need to ask to make this a reality.

Emma divided the presentation over 4 domains. The following are some of the points that were mentioned

Domain One: Excellent headteachers: qualities and knowledge

Hold and articulate clear values and moral purpose, focused on providing a world-class education for pupils they serve.

Domain Two: Excellent headteachers: pupils and staff

Demand ambitious standards for all pupils, overcoming disadvantage and advancing equality, instilling a strong sense of accountability in staff for the impact of their work on pupils' outcomes.

Domain Three: Excellent headteachers: systems and process

Ensure that the school's systems, organisation and processes are well considered, efficient and fit for purpose, upholding the principles of transparency, integrity and probity.

Domain Four: Excellent headteachers: the self-improving school system

Create outward-facing schools which work with other schools and organisations – in a climate of mutual challenge – to champion best practice and secure excellent achievements for all pupils.

Your editor attended the workshop on Safeguarding presented by Dai Durbridge, partner at Browne Jacobson.

Dai offered ten tips for an effective safeguarding policy-

1. Content – cover what needs to be covered (guidance and Ofsted)
2. Clarity and brevity are your friends (be accurate and succinct)
3. Size is not important
4. Get the flow right (the right topics in the right order)
5. Review means review, not “bolt on” new elements
6. Spin-out separate policies if needed, but only if needed
7. Disseminate to all staff
8. Train staff
9. Critically assess - if you don't find it an easy read, your staff won't either...
10. Carry out a procedural review after a safeguarding issue:
 1. Did they work?
 2. Could they have worked better?
 3. What changes should you make
 4. Do you need to engage the LSCB or other agencies?
 5. Record that you carried out a review

LASGB Awards

LASGB Support for Governors

Please remember that LASGB is here to help you. If you have any concerns, require support, have a subject you would like us to bring to conference or the mini-conferences please don't hesitate to contact:- John Davey, chair; Chris McConnachie, vice-chair, or Bill Hodgson, president, using our corporate e-mail admin@lasgb.org.uk.

Any one for the e-newsletter

Please email chris.mcconnachie@virgin.net with any change or corrections to your email details. Remember - there is no limit to the number of your Governors who can receive these LASGB e-newsletters so if any of you know of anyone who would like to receive this directly please contact Chris or get them to e-mail.

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