

# LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

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**For Governors by Governors.**

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](mailto:johnmdavey@btinternet.com).

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## **23rd LASGB Annual Conference**

The next LASGB event will be the 23rd Annual Conference to be held at the Best Western Premier Hallmark Hotel Preston, Leyland Way, Leyland, Preston PR25 4JX on Saturday 20th May 2017. Key note speaker will be [Dr. Christine Hough](#). Christine has titled her presentation “**Life in the Inspection Pit – How to maintain our own schools**”. In addition to Christine’s presentation we will have opening remarks from the new Director of Children’s Services, Amanda Hatton. Also on the agenda will be a presentation on school funding and we will be presenting the LASGB Governors awards. Registration from 9:00 with the conference starting at 9:30. The conference will end by 13:30. To book, [click here](#)

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## **LASGB Spring Workshop**

The LASGB would like to thank Paul Dyson-Knight for his presentation at the Ribby Hall Conference Centre on 8th March. Paul is the Team Leader Secondary Advisors at LCC. LCC governor training run a course, Secondary Curriculum for Governors with very similar content. Please see course details at:-  
[https://lccsecure.lancashire.gov.uk/lpds/course\\_details.asp?course=GOV204&suffix=a&year=2016/2017](https://lccsecure.lancashire.gov.uk/lpds/course_details.asp?course=GOV204&suffix=a&year=2016/2017)

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## **GEL Training**

Continuous Personal Development is an important part of the role of the governor. If the call comes, one of the documents OFSTED will want to see is the governors’ training record. In Lancashire we are fortunate to have an active governor training programme but evening and weekend courses do not suite everyone. GEL is an online governor training facility providing forty courses for governors, clerks and school leaders to complete in their own time and in a location of their choice. Schools that subscribe to LCC governor training get free access to GEL, Have you registered for GEL, have you taken a course? LASGB are considering running a short course on how to access and use GEL. If you would be interested in such a course, please email [admin@lasgb.org.uk](mailto:admin@lasgb.org.uk) with the subject GEL so that we can gauge the interest.

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## **Schools’ National Funding Formula**

As governors we are inundated with information about the new schools’ national funding formula. All kinds of statistics about how much is being spent and how the pie will be divided. Changes to national insurance payments, the apprenticeship levy, pension and a number of other cost pressures are squeezing school budgets and eating into reserves. A number of education organisations are running campaigns to get people to write to their MP’s about these pressures. Attached to the e-newsletter this month is a copy of the letter sent by the schools forum to Lancashire MP’s. The LASGB would ask that you consider the letter’s contents and that you consider writing to your MP. We also ask that your support staff and parents if they feel they wish to make representations.

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## LASGB Governance Awards

Please note that the 2017 nominations for governance are now closed. We would like to thank all those who have nominated governors for the awards this year. Nominations are now open for the 2018 awards and we look forward to hearing from you about the amazing things that governors do supporting the children and young people in Lancashire schools and academies.

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## 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](mailto:admin@lasgb.org.uk).

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