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## National Governance Association Annual Conference

This took place in Birmingham on 12th November and was well received by all. Two members of the Executive represented the LASGB during the event and subsequent AGM. You will be able to see how some of the speeches influence our thinking and information flow over the next year.

As opposed to giving you a long précis of each speaker's topic within this newsletter, below is the agenda and a link to the four speakers, whose presentations you can access on YouTube.

- Annual address by Emma Knights OBE CE NGA  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x64-VGac61g>
- A message from Baroness Barran MBE, Under Secretary of State  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sfwzk89oq6l&t=278s>
- The Good Childhood Report - Mark Russell, CE The Children's Society  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jzZTAdvMKDA>
- Governance as Leadership - Maggie Farrar, Empowering Leadership  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ll1atvf-lUs&t=3s>

## National Governance Association (NGA) SEND Network Meeting

Colleagues may be aware that the NGA organises a number of termly network meetings for governors from particular sectors or who have specific roles on their governing bodies. These are held online and are therefore very accessible. The SEND network meetings are useful for both those who govern in Special Schools and those who are a SEND Link on a mainstream governing body.

This term's network meeting took place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. 80+ NGA members joined the meeting from all over the country. The majority were from Primary mainstream schools - 11% were from Special schools.

There were 2 guest speakers: Annamarie Thomas - Banyard a solicitor from Browne Jacobson, a firm that is used by many schools across the country for their financial and HR support, and Maggie Mullholland from ASCL (Association of School and College Leaders) who holds a post with SEND responsibility within that professional association.



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### National Governance Association (NGA) SEND Network Meeting (*continued*)

Anna spoke in great detail about the responsibilities and duties placed on schools and local authorities in relation to SEND from the early identification of need to the provision for pupils. This was particularly useful for those in mainstream schools.

Maggie's presentation focused more on the Green Paper. In her view, the government response to this should be available before Christmas - colleagues will recall the deadline for comments on this was way back in July. She acknowledged that there has been some turbulence in relation to government responsibility for this area (!!!) but feels that DFE will respond almost in spite of this as it is seen as such a priority.

She spoke with a great deal of passion about what it means to be an inclusive school and how all those within schools should see themselves as teachers of ALL children and accept the importance of meeting ALL children's needs in the classroom. In the "chat" there were many comments about the major training issue this implied which she acknowledged. Comments from those representing the Special Sector (including me!) wrote how Special School staff could be a resource in supporting this.

Maggie recommended reading a report which was published at the start of November which, in her view, outlines the importance of this area

[www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/report/a-send-system-which-works-for-every-child-every-time](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/report/a-send-system-which-works-for-every-child-every-time)

The network is a really useful one for all governors and details are available on the NGA website.

## Special Recognition Awards



If you have any Governor who you feel is deserving of an award, then all we need is supporting email with details of the Governor and why you think their service deserves to be recognized from the Headteacher or Chair of Governors send to [contact@lasgb.org.uk](mailto:contact@lasgb.org.uk)



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