

Training Link Governors' meeting

Welcome

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Agenda

What is the BGA

Why do we need and Association

How it can help you

How it can help your school

Inclusion

Structure

Dangers

Working Groups

Q&A

Summary

What is the Barnet Governors Association

Community of Governors

Community of Schools

Children of Barnet

What is a Governors Value Add?

- **Professional Experience**
 - IT Professional
 - 20 Years Experience
 - Problem Solver
 - Best Practice
 - Plan, Test, Review



Great than the sum...

Who are Governors

Accountant

Lawyer

Builder

Councillor

Retailer

Gardener

Designer

We are society

Internet Developer

PC Support Engineer

Council Worker

Media

Public Relations

Press

Police

Great than the sum...

Crowd Sourcing

It works with 9-16-20 person governing bodies, how about 450. The BGA has initial representation from a third of Barnet Schools

20X

With more experience & expertise will enhance the crowd be able to address issues faster and better

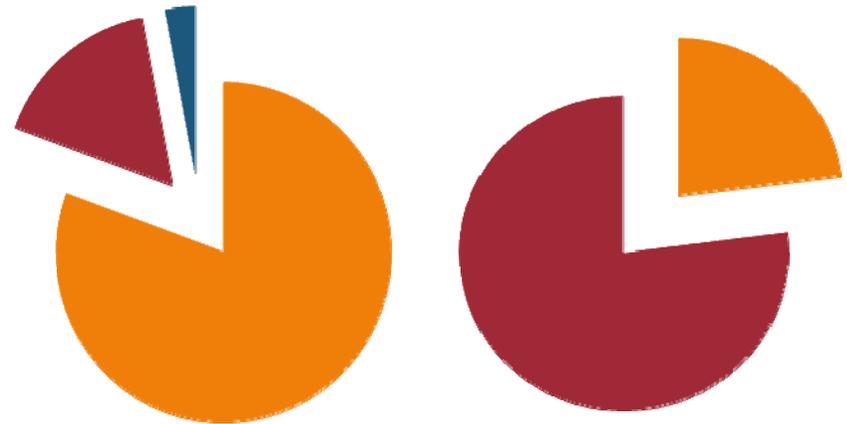
Why do we need an Association?

Results Driven

- **80/20 Rule**
80% of activity devoted to
20% of the responsibilities
- **Islands of Excellence**
Individual schools great in
some areas, other struggling
- **Time Neutral**

Group Buying

- Drive costs down
- Increase accountability



*national average proportion of school spend on staff

Time Neutral at least

- How much time does your Governing body spend collectively
- Each Governor 54 hours Annual Commitment
 - 4 Full GB Meetings
 - 12 Committee Meetings
 - Preparation time
- An estimate for Barnet as a whole?
 - 30 Work Years (8 hours daily, 337 days a year)
- 14 minutes saved makes BGA time neutral

But it could be over an hour!

- Based on the 8/20 Rule
- if we reduce our prep time alone, for the 80% area of focus by sharing best practice
- Solving problems as a group
- We can expect to save a third of our preparation time

**Many
hands
make
short
work**

How BGA can help you

- Save you time
- Provide a resource for local, relevant issues
- Offer a big voice to call on the local authority
- Horizontal links to governors will similar skills

How BGA can help your school

- **Group Buying**
- **Quality Supplier list**
- **Funding support**
- **Better Policies**
- **Consultation of new Barnet strategies**
- **Grass roots service requests**

Inclusion

- How can we all be involved

All welcome

Structured meetings

Facebook

Website

Structure

- **Chairman + Vice**
 - Direct link to Borough
 - Chair GBA meetings
- **Communications Officer + assistant**
 - Public Relations, Proof Reading
- **Secretary + deputy**
 - Minutes
 - Venues
 - Calendar
- **Working Parties / Committees**
 - Chair, Secretary, Champions

Dangers

- **How it could go wrong**
 - Tries to do too much too soon and delivers nothing
 - Top down influence – Local Authority, Leadership team
 - Loudest attendees push away others
- **Safeguards**
 - Focus on 3 areas of development per meeting
 - Annual review of Structure – Focus on flat
 - In year Officer review – 10 Governor from at least 5 schools, can call for re-election of Leadership team

Working Groups

1. List areas your school is struggling with, that could be experienced by other schools
 2. Agree by table your top three issues
 3. Review
 4. Summary
- Draft List to be taken to inaugural Barnet Governors Association Meeting

Questions

- What have we missed?
- Did you expect something else?
- What else can we do to make the BGA a success?

Summary

- Get in touch
- Join in
- Spread the word



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