



## Become a Trustee at ACT Multi Academy Trust!

ACT Multi Academy Trust is a vibrant and values-driven Church of England Trust, proudly serving four thriving primary schools. At the heart of our work is a bold and unwavering commitment:

***To create schools where learning is unstoppable and aspirations have no limit.***

We believe that every child—regardless of background, ability, or starting point—deserves the opportunity to flourish. Our Christian ethos is not just a foundation; it is a living, breathing part of our culture. It shapes how we teach, how we lead, and how we care for every member of our school communities.

At ACT, we are more than a collection of schools—we are a family. We believe in:

- **Collective responsibility:** We rise together, support one another, and share in each other's successes.
- **Sustainability and stewardship:** We educate for the future, nurturing not only academic excellence but also environmental awareness and social responsibility.
- **Hope and transformation:** We prepare young people to thrive in an ever-changing world, equipping them with the skills, confidence, and compassion to make a difference.
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Whether you are a parent, educator, community member, or potential trustee, we invite you to join us on this journey. Together, we are building something extraordinary; schools where every child is seen, supported, and inspired to reach their full potential.

### Trustee Role and Responsibilities

Becoming a Trustee at ACT Multi Academy Trust is a unique opportunity to shape the future of education and make a lasting difference in the lives of children and families across our communities.

As a Trustee, you will work in close partnership with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), the executive leadership team, and Local Governing Bodies to guide the strategic direction of the Trust. You will play a vital role in ensuring that our schools are well-led, well-resourced, and delivering the highest standards of education in line with our Christian values.

### Your Key Responsibilities Will Include:

- **Setting the Vision and Strategy**  
Help define and approve the Trust Improvement Plan, ensuring it reflects our mission to create schools where learning is unstoppable and aspirations have no limit.
- **Financial Stewardship**  
Oversee the Trust's financial health by setting and monitoring budgets, ensuring public funds are used wisely, transparently, and in the best interests of pupils.
- **Raising Standards**  
Monitor pupil progress and attainment across all schools, using data and insight to challenge underperformance and celebrate success.
- **Leadership and People**  
Support the recruitment and development of senior leaders, ensuring we attract and retain exceptional staff who share our values and vision.
- **Governance and Oversight**  
Attend five full Board meetings per year and contribute to one of our two specialist committees (e.g., Finance, Audit & Risk or Education & Standards).
- **School Engagement**  
Participate in school visits to see our values in action, engage with staff and pupils, and provide constructive support and challenge to school leadership.
- **Collaboration and Accountability**  
Work closely with Local Governing Bodies to ensure alignment, shared accountability, and a strong sense of community across the Trust.



### **Benefits of Being a Trustee**

Becoming a Trustee at ACT Multi Academy Trust is more than a governance role—it's a chance to lead with purpose, grow with integrity, and serve with heart.

Here's what you can expect from this rewarding opportunity:

#### **Make a Meaningful Impact**

- Play a direct role in shaping the educational experiences of children across our Trust.
- Influence decisions that improve pupil outcomes, wellbeing, and life chances.
- Champion equity, inclusion, and excellence in a values-driven environment.

#### **Develop Strategic Leadership and Governance Skills**

- Gain hands-on experience in high-level decision-making, financial oversight, and risk management.
- Learn how to navigate complex educational and organisational challenges.
- Build confidence in strategic thinking, policy development, and boardroom leadership.

#### **Grow Personally and Professionally**

- Enhance your CV with governance experience that is respected across sectors.
- Learn from fellow trustees with diverse professional backgrounds.
- Access training and development opportunities in areas such as safeguarding, SEND, finance, and education policy.

#### **Expand Your Professional Network**

- Connect with leaders from education, business, faith, and public service.
- Build relationships that enrich your career and broaden your perspective.
- Join a supportive and collaborative board committed to shared success.

#### **Give Back to Your Community**

- Use your skills and experience to serve the common good.
- Be a role model for young people and advocate for inclusive, high-quality education.
- Help shape a more just, compassionate, and opportunity-rich society.

#### **Live Out Your Values in a Church of England Setting**

- Contribute to a Trust rooted in Christian values of compassion, hope, and justice.
- Support schools in nurturing spiritual, moral, and social development.
- Help ensure that faith and inclusion go hand in hand in every school community.

#### **Enjoy a Flexible and Rewarding Voluntary Role**

- Commit to five board meetings per year and one committee—flexible around your schedule.
- Participate in school visits and events that inspire and connect you to the Trust's mission.
- Make a lasting difference without giving up your day job.

### **What We're Looking For**

We welcome applications from all backgrounds and walks of life. Whether you're an experienced professional or someone with lived experience in education, community work, or leadership, we want to hear from you.

We are especially keen to hear from individuals with expertise in:

- **Safeguarding**
- **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)**
- **Education, finance, HR, or governance**

As a Church of England Trust, we value trustees who can support our Christian ethos while embracing and celebrating the diversity of our communities.



### **Diversity and Inclusion**

We believe that a diverse Board leads to better decisions and stronger outcomes. We actively encourage applications from:

- People of all **ethnicities, faiths, and cultural backgrounds**
- Individuals of **all ages**, including younger adults looking to make a difference
- People of **all genders, identities, and abilities**

Representation matters. Your voice, perspective, and experience can help us challenge bias, break down barriers, and inspire the next generation.

### **Commitment**

- Attend **5 full board meetings per year**
- Join **one of our two committees**
- Participate in **school visits** and engagement activities

All Trustees are required to undergo a **Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS)** check to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our children.

**To find out more about this role, please send a short bio to our Governance Professional, Laura Schneikert at [Clerk@act-academytrust.org](mailto:Clerk@act-academytrust.org), who will advise on the application process.**