



Durham County Association of Governors

A Support Network for Durham County Governors

Durham County Association of Governors (DCAG) is an independent body set up to support the County Council to raise standards in education by representing the views of school Governors, both locally and nationally, and to assist Governors to carry out their roles effectively. (*Membership of DCAG is dependent upon your Governing Body buying back into the current Advice & Clerking Service Level Agreement*).

DCAG has been in existence since 1994, but even before that, there had been a network of local Governor Cluster Groups across the County which were attended by Link Governors and Chairs of Governing Bodies. Originally established to form a link between Governing Bodies and the School and Governor Support Service, it soon became apparent that because of the massively increasing range of responsibilities given to Governors and the issues these generated a forum was needed where Governors could share their concerns and also speak in one powerful voice on behalf of all Governors in Durham County.

The Executive Committee elects a Chair and Vice-Chair and nominates representatives to other bodies/organisations. Meetings are held twice termly and a guest speaker attends meetings to give a presentation on a current topic and listen to the views/concerns of the representative group of Governors in Durham County. DCAG has an effective working relationship with the County Council, which has been further strengthened by all parties establishing and working to a 'Memorandum of Agreement'.

DCAG also hold an Annual General Meeting (usually in June) and Governors are invited to attend. A theme is identified for each Assembly by the DCAG and there are appropriate speakers present.

The objectives of DCAG include:

- ✓ To assist Governing Bodies to further the education and interests of children in our schools
- ✓ To encourage co-operation between schools and their Governing Bodies
- ✓ To encourage the development of high standards of Governorship.

Chair: Rohit Patel
Vice-Chair: James Walsh

DCAG is administered by the School & Governor Support Service of Durham LA. For any query regarding DCAG please contact Alyson Curry/Toni Devine, C/O School & Governor Support Service, Administration Team, Children & Young People's Services, County Hall, Durham. DH1 5UJ.