

## What it's like to be a Governor in Merthyr Tydfil...

I have been a School Governor for three years, and I have enjoyed being a Governor so much that I have just been appointed as a Governor to a second school's Governing Body.



### Giving something back...

As a Governor, I feel like I am giving something back to the community as well as working as a team to ensure that our pupils, our future generation, have the best quality education and that educational standards are raised.

### A real purpose...

As a Governor, you are not there to 'rubber stamp' decisions, you contribute by supporting and challenging Head Teachers by gathering views, asking questions, and discussing what is best for the school.

### Developing new skills and building on current ones...

Being a Governor is also a great way to develop your skills as well as developing the ones you already have. Do not be put off if you think your career experience is not relevant to education, as governing bodies need people from all backgrounds who can bring their professional knowledge to the school. You do not need formal qualifications, you just need to be committed, have a willingness to learn, ask questions and have a listening ear.

### What will you do?

You will contribute to the school's future direction, make decisions on the school's budget and staffing, and make sure the school provides for all pupils including those with additional learning needs.

A Governor is a very rewarding role and I enjoy being part of a team who are working to improve the life chances of children who deserve the very best education.

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