

# Open sessions for governors

## Spring & Summer 2012

### DATES:

Workshop 1  
21<sup>st</sup> February 2012  
Suffolk New College

Workshop 2  
27<sup>th</sup> February 2012  
Oaklands College, St Albans

Workshop 3  
18<sup>th</sup> April 2012  
East Norfolk Sixth Form  
College

Workshop 4  
25<sup>th</sup> April 2012  
Cambridgeshire, (TBC)

Times:  
All workshops will run 17.00 to  
19.30.

Facilitators:  
Roger Hawkins & Roger  
Woods are former senior  
managers in colleges, who have  
current experience either as a  
clerks to governors or as an  
Ofsted inspector.

COST:  
£50.00 per delegate

**ACER, through this programme, is seeking to help to improve the effectiveness of governors in the region. The effective use of College and Board processes and procedures by governors can be instrumental in the progress towards, and achievement of, 'outstanding' status.**

### Workshop 1 Building Governor Knowledge –

Briefings on:-

Budgeting and Forecasting

The Financial Health of Colleges

The use of Quality Indicators including  
KPIs

This session lasts for 2.5 hours and uses  
a range of college generated  
instruments to stimulate interest and  
understanding.

The session is aimed at new and  
inexperienced governors but may be of  
interest to any governor who may feel  
that peer exchange would help to make  
their role more fruitful.

The approach during this session is  
primarily around information giving but  
there will be a challenge to attendees to  
apply new understanding to the context  
of their own college.

### Workshop 2 Developing Governor Confidence

This session lasts for 2.5 hours and uses  
a range of college generated  
instruments to stimulate interest and  
understanding.

**This session builds on the**

**information giving provided in  
session 1 (above) although the  
session can be accessed  
independently.**

The session works to develop a clear and  
positive approach for all governors. The  
session looks at the basis for confidence  
in public settings, the dynamics of  
meetings, the questions that can be asked  
with confidence and the necessity of role  
clarity for governor effectiveness.  
The session is designed to be highly  
participative.

### Workshop 3 Judging Governor Performance

This session lasts for 2.5 hours and uses  
a range of college generated instruments  
to stimulate interest and understanding.  
The session challenges governors to  
develop their self-assessment skills  
through looking at college-generated  
reports and action plans.

The nature of evidence and the bases for  
judgement will be explored.

### Workshop 4 College Reputation - Governor

Actions to enhance this reputation  
This session lasts for 2 hours and uses a  
range of college generated instruments  
to stimulate interest and understanding.  
The purpose of this session is to unpack  
and then repack governors'  
understanding of how a college's  
reputation can be created, manipulated  
and maintained.

To book your place at this event, please complete a booking form and return it to [christine.stewart@acer.ac.uk](mailto:christine.stewart@acer.ac.uk). For more information about the event, contact Christine on 01480 468198 or visit our website - [www.acer.ac.uk](http://www.acer.ac.uk).