

# The Lancashire Link

The Newsletter for Training Link Governors

Spring Term 2010

**Happy New Year to all**, and I hope you and your school managed to cope with the effects of the winter weather.

As the impact 2009 OFSTED inspection framework on schools is more apparent, particularly the extra emphasis on governing body responsibility for safeguarding, demand for governor training in these areas has naturally increased significantly, and it is good to see so many of you taking up the training sessions we offer.

Details of extra Safer Recruitment and Child Protection & Safeguarding courses are included in this newsletter (See STOP PRESS below) , and we are trying to meet demand for school-based training in this area by offering these courses to governing body clusters where possible.

*Best wishes for a successful 2010*

*Helen Brownjohn, Governor Training & Development Manager*

## The Training Link Governor Slot at the Governing Body meeting

### SAFER RECRUITMENT— Urgent

At your Spring Governing Body meeting please can you check that your school meets the legal requirement for every school to have at least one selection panel member safer recruitment trained. This would be checked during an OFSTED inspection.

Despite the combined efforts of Governor Services and LCC Human resources, a few schools have slipped through the net and have no-one trained.

If your school is one of these please can you arrange for one of your **governors** to attend one of the Governor Services courses, or complete the on-line training via the Children's Workforce Development Council ([www.cwdcouncil.org.uk](http://www.cwdcouncil.org.uk)).

**Staff** safer recruitment training is available via LCC Human Resources.

## **\*\* STOP PRESS \*\***

### ADDITIONAL COURSES Spring 2010

#### SAFER RECRUITMENT

Woodlands Conference Centre  
Mondays 8 & 15 March  
6.30 to 9.30 pm

#### CHILD PROTECTION & SAFEGUARDING

Clayton Park Conference Centre  
Monday 22 February  
6.00 to 8.30 pm

#### CHILD PROTECTION & SAFEGUARDING

Woodlands Conference Centre  
Thursday 25 February  
7.00 to 9.30 pm

As always ....

#### **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

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## SPOTLIGHT ON . . .

# DEVELOPING TOMORROW'S SCHOOL LEADERS SUCCESSION PLANNING

## A NEW COURSE

**Lancashire is currently facing a major challenge as many headteachers and other members of the senior management team reach retirement age.**

Governing bodies have a strategic (planning) role to play in developing leaders and creating the conditions in which leadership can flourish.

Leadership development is key to school improvement and increased pupil achievement.

Lancashire County Council is working with schools and diocesan authorities to build the supply of good leaders by identifying and developing those with leadership talent, and there is clear evidence that individuals who experience headship become more positive about taking on the role.

This course aims to help governors understand and apply the process of recruiting, developing and keeping great headteachers and other senior staff, looking at your school's circumstances and the wider picture.

**FIRST COURSE:**            **Thursday 21 January 2010**  
                                     **7.00 to 9.30 pm**  
                                     **Thornton Children's Centre**  
                                     **Thornton Cleveleys**

**And more available in the summer term and for individual or clusters of governing bodies**

*To book your place please contact [kirstin.laird@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:kirstin.laird@lancashire.gov.uk)  
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## GOVERNOR TRAINING CONTACTS for all courses and queries:

**To book on a central course (as advertised in the Lancashire Governors' Annual Handbook) contact Kirstin Laird  
[kirstin.laird@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:kirstin.laird@lancashire.gov.uk)**

**To arrange courses for your governing body,  
or a cluster of governing bodies contact Colin Heppell  
[colin.heppell@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:colin.heppell@lancashire.gov.uk)**

**As always BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL thanks**

## CONFERENCES & SEMINARS—SPRING 2010

**Governor Services with Sure Start,  
Early Years  
& Child Care Service**

**Are you a governor on a  
Children's Centre  
Committee?**

*Find out more about your roles and  
responsibilities at:*

**Clayton Park Conference Centre  
Friday 5 February 2010  
9.30 – 12.00 noon**

**Woodlands Conference Centre  
Tuesday 9 February 2010  
6.30 – 9.00 pm**

These Children's Centre Governor  
Seminars will explore:

- ◆ Preparing for OFSTED Inspection of Children's Centres
- ◆ Support available to Children's Centre Governors
- ◆ Target setting
- ◆ Finance issues
- ◆ Involvement in the Annual Conversation
- ◆ Priority topics such as Child Poverty

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**An invitation to  
chairs and vice-chairs  
of governing bodies  
to attend**

**CONFERENCE 2010  
on  
21ST CENTURY  
SCHOOLS**

At

**Woodlands Conference Centre  
Saturday 6 March  
9.30 to 3.30 pm**

**OR**

**Clayton Park Conference Centre  
Thursday 11 March  
9.30 to 3.30 pm.**

Further details and booking forms will be  
sent out direct to chairs and vice-chairs  
of governing bodies.

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## **Diocesan Governor Training**

**Courses are arranged for governors in faith schools by the following dioceses and are intended to supplement those provided by LCC's Governor Services.**

Full details available from:

- ◆ **Blackburn Diocese**  
**(Church of England and Methodist Schools)**  
**01254 503070 ext 219**
  
- ◆ **Lancaster Catholic Diocese**  
**Education Centre, Balmoral Road, Lancaster LA1 3BT**  
**01524 841190**  
**[www.lancaster-diocese-education.org.uk](http://www.lancaster-diocese-education.org.uk)**
  
- ◆ **Liverpool Catholic Archdiocesan Schools Department**  
**LACE, Croxteth Drive, Sefton Park, Liverpool L17 1AA**  
**0151 5221071**  
**[www.archdiocese-of-liverpool.co.uk](http://www.archdiocese-of-liverpool.co.uk)**
  
- ◆ **Salford Roman Catholic Diocese**  
**0161 7361421**

### **Liverpool Catholic Diocese courses for Spring 2010:**

#### **Foundation Governor Role** (suitable for new or newly appointed governors)

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 7.00 – 9.00pm  
Holy Cross Catholic High School, Burgh Lane,  
Chorley PR7 3NT

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 10 - 12 noon  
LACE, Croxteth Drive,  
Sefton Park, Liverpool L17 1AA

#### **New Inspection Framework**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 7.00 – 9.00pm  
St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School,  
Rookery Avenue, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Wigan, WN4 9PF

#### **Effective Governing Body**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 7.00 – 9.00pm  
St Bede's Catholic High School, St Anne's Road, Ormskirk L39 4TA