

Governance Conference 2024

Working Together for Wellbeing

How to book a place on the Conference



Online via the Bolton Governance Services website by visiting www.boltongovernanceservices.org.uk

Or by selecting the following link [\[BOOK NOW \]](#)

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The conference is open to all governors and trustees within the Bolton family. Places are limited and bookings will be made on a first come, first served basis with a fair booking policy to ensure all boards are able to access the event.

Our rates are extremely competitive and are preferential for delegates of governing boards and trusts buying into the Service Level Agreement. For those boards that buy into the Governance Services Clerking and Support, or Training and Development Service Level Agreements (SLA) the cost will be **£90** per delegate. For those governors and trustees whose boards do not buy into an SLA, a charge of **£150** will be payable.

Charges will be met via the school budget and will not be charged to individual governors. Please ensure that you notify your Chair or Head Teacher/Principal prior to booking.

You may cancel your place on the conference by calling **01204 332116** no later than **5 days** prior to the conference. The full charge will apply for non-attendance or cancellation by the delegate within five working days of the conference date.

To guarantee your place on the conference, please make your booking by no later than 11 November 2024

Venue Information

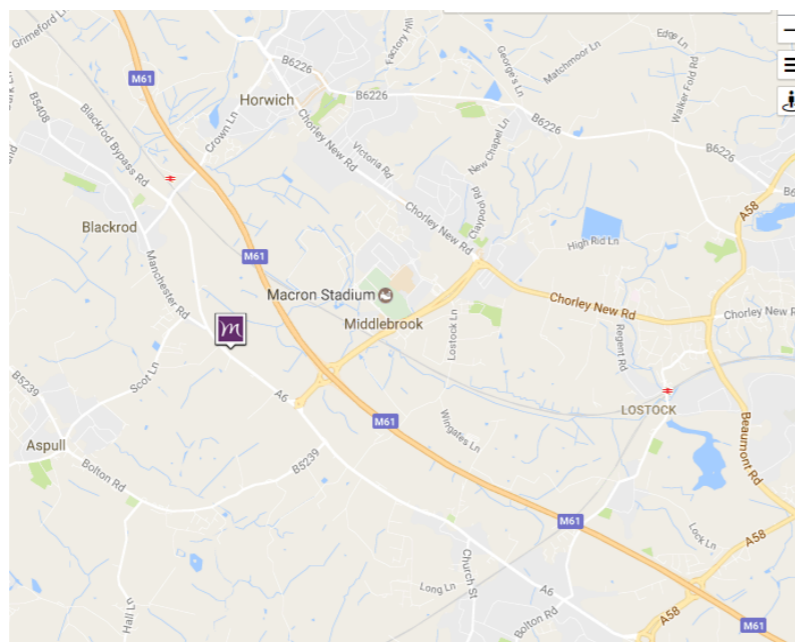
Mercure Bolton Georgian House Hotel
Manchester Road
Blackrod
Bolton
BL6 5RU

Getting to Mercure Bolton Georgian House Hotel from:

Horwich Parkway station - 1 mile (1.6 km)
Take a taxi from the taxi rank outside the station.

The M61 Southbound
Leave the M61 at junction 6, following signs for Blackrod A6027
After 200 metres, join the A6 Chorley.
Follow the road for about half a mile and the Mercure Bolton Hotel is on the right-hand side.

The M61 Northbound
Leave the M61 at junction 6, following signs for Blackrod A6027
After 200 metres, join the A6 Chorley.
Follow the road for about half a mile and the Hotel is on the right



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Saturday 16 November 2024

8.30 am until 2.00 pm

Mercure Bolton Georgian House Hotel

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The Governance Services Team are pleased to invite governors and trustees to the 2024 Bolton Governance Conference to be held on Saturday 16 November 2024 from 8.30 am until 2.00 pm at Mercure Bolton Georgian House Hotel, Blackrod, Bolton. Registration will commence at 8.30 am with breakfast refreshments served. A light lunch will also be provided as part of the programme.

The theme of the conference for this year is “Working Together for Wellbeing” and will look at workload, wellbeing and resilience in education. The day will provide governors and trustees with practical advice and guidance in order for them to support the wellbeing and resilience of operational leaders, but also recognising when their own workload concerns and mental health requires addressing.

We will also look at how strategic leaders, through effective challenge and support, can help to promote the health, welfare and wellbeing of children, in an inclusive, healthy and thriving school environment.

Our keynote speaker, Dr Emma Kell, is director of Those That Can Ltd with 26 years of experience as a teacher and leader in UK schools. Emma works with professionals within and beyond the world of education to provide research-based, practical sessions to promote wellbeing and effectiveness and stakeholder engagement. She is a qualified Performance Coach and experienced speaker and facilitator. Emma writes for a variety of publications including TES and BBC Teach. She has completed a doctorate on teacher well-being and parenting at Middlesex University and is a published author. Emma is also Mum to two teenagers and a golden retriever!

Key Note Speaker



Conference Programme 2024

8.30 am - 9.00 am	Registration, Refreshments & Light Breakfast	
9.00 am - 9.05 am	Welcome from Governance Services	<i>John Ashworth, Governance Services Manager</i>
9.05 am - 9.15 am	Introduction from Assistant Director of Children's Services	<i>Geraldine Whitehead, AD Inclusive Education and Learning</i>
9.15 am - 10.30 am	Key Note Speech - Supporting Leader Wellbeing and Resilience	<i>Dr Emma Kell, CEO of Those That Can.</i>
10.30 am - 11.00 am	Refreshments & Networking	
11.00 am - 12.15 pm	Through the Eyes of our Children - Strategic Oversight for our Children's Welfare and Wellbeing	<i>Mr Paul Hodgkinson, CEO of the Bolton Impact Trust</i>
12.15 pm - 1.15 pm	Governing Well - Workload and Wellbeing for Strategic Leaders	<i>Mrs Janet Myers, NGA North West Regional Lead & Consultant</i>
1.15 pm - 1.20 pm	Conference Close & Final Comments	
1.20 pm	Light Lunch & Networking	

Conference Sessions & Presenters

As usual, presenters have been carefully chosen to support the overall conference theme; however, as sessions are of interest to all, there will be no satellite workshop sessions at this event. There will be opportunities to network with fellow governors and trustees throughout the day.

Supporting Leader Wellbeing and Resilience

Head Teacher and Leaders are responsible for managing their schools through challenges and successes and often bear a significant burden. This is an enormous ask, that carries with it an emotional and mental toll. Boards have a duty of care for their staff and leaders, to safeguard their well-being and ensure that provision is made to help them overcome emotional, psychological and practical challenges of the role. An NAHT survey in 2023 found that almost half of school leaders in the study said they have needed mental health or wellbeing support in the last 12 months, with 38% having accessed professional support. This session will look at the wellbeing and resilience of school leadership, consider workload and work-life balance and look at how boards can promote effective time management and flexible working practices. Having a healthy, resilient, and supported leader, can help to maintain a healthy and thriving school environment. This session aims to provide strategic leaders with an understanding of wellness and wellbeing to provide pragmatic support to their head teachers and leaders.

Dr Emma Kell, CEO of Those That Can.

Through the Eyes of our Children - Strategic Oversight for our Children's Welfare and Wellbeing

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. Through their strategic leadership, boards must ensure that the wellbeing and welfare of all children in their setting is a priority. Schools have a statutory responsibility to ensure that children have the right help and support; preventing impairment of mental and physical health or development. All Leaders and school staff should ensure the best outcomes for all children in their care and provide support as problems emerge. School and academies support children's physical and mental health and wellbeing through inclusive education and support strategies, including identifying support through multi-agency working, where required. This in turn should reduce escalation of behaviour and possible suspensions and exclusions. This session will provide Governors and Trustees with practical knowledge and examples of good practice. Strategic leaders should know their school well and ensure that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to promote pupil welfare and able to provide constructive challenge and support to leaders.

Mr Paul Hodgkinson, CEO of the Bolton Impact Trust

Governing Well - Workload and Wellbeing for Strategic Leaders

School governors and trustees play a vital role in education and make a difference by shaping the future of children and young people. At its best, the role is a rewarding experience that can make a difference to your community whilst developing your leadership skills and allowing you to build professional skills and networks. However, being responsible for the strategic leadership of a school or academy can sometimes be daunting, and at times governors and trustees might feel unappreciated and lonely.

This session will explore NGA's research into governance workload and wellbeing, what can be done to make the role manageable, and how NGA is lobbying political parties to improve workload.

Mrs Janet Myers, NGA North West Regional Lead & Consultant