

Am I who you need?!

We are currently looking for employers to join the Havering Colleges Local Board, part of the New City College Group.

If you are interested in helping us develop the relationship between the college and the workplace and help our students gain the skills and experience they need to excel, we'd love to hear from you! It is likely that you will be an employer or decision maker within a medium to large local business or maybe a national business which employs students from the Havering area. You will have experience and knowledge of the local jobs market and have an interest in employing our students or offering apprenticeships and work placements. You might be interested in helping to shape the curriculum because you have an insight into the skills needed for the future.

What is the Havering Local Board?

The Havering Colleges (Havering FE College, including the Rainham Construction Centre, and Havering Sixth Form College) are part of the New City College group. Educational provision includes that for 16-18 year olds (vocational and academic), adult learners, apprentices and HE.

The Colleges have their own Havering Local Board which is an advisory body to the New City College Corporation. The Local Board seeks to improve opportunities to meet the needs of both employers and students in the local area and feeds into the development of the curriculum offer having considered information relating to skills gaps, industry trends and developments and the implications for the future, in line with local, national and regional strategies and priorities. In addition, the Board works with the Local Authority and local schools to ensure provision meets the needs of 16-18 year olds in Havering; reviews stakeholder satisfaction; monitors local marketing; and offers feedback on the development of the Havering campuses.

Tell me about New City College?

New City College began when three east London colleges came together. Mergers with Epping Forest and then Redbridge Colleges followed. In August 2019 both Havering College of Further and Higher Education and Havering Sixth Form College also joined the New City Group making it the fourth largest college group in the UK. Whilst increasing in size and scale, strong local identities in each Borough have been retained and there are wide ranges of courses at each campus aimed at supporting local communities. New City College has a proven track record of curriculum improvement despite an ever more challenging environment.

Who are you looking for?

- The Havering Local Board is looking for Independent Members who can bring enthusiasm and commitment.
- You will be an employer or decision maker in a local business.
- You will be an advocate for young people who are just beginning to make their way in the world of work.
- You do not need to have any Board experience, nor be familiar with the education sector.
- You will be expected to undergo an enhanced DBS check on appointment and to complete certain mandatory training, such as Safeguarding and Equality and Diversity..
- We are keen to attract candidates from diverse backgrounds, reflecting the communities that the Havering Colleges serve.

How much time would I need to commit?

Members attend three meetings per year, one per term. Meetings begin at 5.30 pm and alternate between our two sites in Hornchurch. Each meeting lasts a maximum of 2 hours plus you will need time in advance to read your papers. We occasionally hold a half-day Strategy Session which is normally on a Friday afternoon. In addition, there are training and development opportunities as well as invitations to Havering Colleges events such as Performing Arts productions.

Will I make a difference?

As a volunteer Member of the Board, you will bring your skills, experience and enthusiasm to consider how the curriculum can better meet local need and help develop the links between the Colleges, the community and local business. But most importantly you will contribute to developing the place of post 16 education, academic and vocational, in our society, helping us to make a positive difference to the lives of our students and the local community. Young people are the future and we want them to leave us having had a great education and an unforgettable experience.

What are the benefits for me?

As a Member of the Local Board, you will be part of a dedicated and diverse group of people who really care about post-16 education in the Borough. You will receive training, along with opportunities for development and throughout your time on the Board, you will be fully supported to carry out your role.

Being part of a Board gives you the opportunity to contribute to your local community and it can be helpful for your career too. It gives you the opportunity to make a real difference to people's lives and to develop your strategic leadership skills. You will learn from the other Board Members who have a whole range of skills and experience as well as senior College staff.

What next?

This is an excellent time to join the Local Board as we look to a future changed by COVID-19 where it is going to be harder than ever for our young people to find employment. We want to do everything we can to help them. If you would like to be part of this too, please send an outline of your past and present experience along with a short statement explaining why you would like to join the Board to: Cathy Horne, Head of Governance – Havering, by email at cathy.horne@ncclondon.ac.uk by 5 pm on Friday 29th October.

Interviews will take place on Thursday 11th November and shortlisted candidates will be asked to complete an application form prior to this.