

Overview of the College

Solihull College & University Centre is a large General Further Education College situated in Solihull in the West Midlands. It has three sites, in central Solihull, in north Solihull at Smith's Wood and in Stratford-upon-Avon. Solihull College & University Centre merged with Stratford-upon-Avon College in February 2018.

The College serves approximately 9,000 students and apprentices. Two thirds of students who study at Solihull College & University Centre come from Birmingham and one third from Solihull and Stratford-upon-Avon.

The College provides a very broad range of programmes from entry level to higher education in 15 vocational areas. The largest areas are Foundation Learning, Health and Care, Business, Leisure (Sport) and Tourism, Engineering, Computing, and Arts and Media. The majority of learners are full time 16-18 year olds.

The College is mostly funded by government agencies including the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) and the OfS (Office for Students).

Higher education provision is well established in the College for 700 students through direct OfS funding. Students study a wide range of HNC/D programmes and partnership degrees with Oxford Brookes University, Newman University, Coventry University and the University of Northampton.

Nearly 1000 apprentices work with local employers predominantly in Care, Retail and Commercial Enterprises, Engineering and Building Services, Construction, Sport and Tourism, and Business Administration.

The Corporation

The Corporation is responsible for:

- establishing the College's strategic direction;
- monitoring and challenging College performance against the agreed strategy and key performance indicators;
- maintaining the overall framework of policies and procedures within which the College operates; and
- ensuring students and apprentices are safe.

The Corporation is made up of 18 Governors from a wide range of professional backgrounds including education, finance, law, public service, private sector and small business. College staff and students are also represented. The Corporation currently has three Committees:

- Audit Committee;
- Remuneration Committee; and
- Search and Governance Committee.

Governors are expected to attend a high majority of the 10 meetings a year and two development days on Saturdays in January and October. In addition, there are frequent opportunities to contribute to special interest groups, visit lessons, talk to students and staff and attend regular celebrations of success such as the annual

Higher Education Graduation Ceremony. Governors spend on average two days a month on College business.

You can see details of the current governors at: <http://www.solihull.ac.uk/about-us/college-governance/>

Governor Vacancies

The Corporation currently has 4 full governor vacancies and 2 external Committee Member role vacancies.

[External Committee members are full members of their committee but are not Governors on the Corporation and do not attend Corporation meetings. They are invited to Governor development sessions and celebration events.]

We welcome applications from people with senior and strategic management experience who can offer skills and experience in the following areas:

Higher/Further Education and Teaching and Learning Expertise:

- Teaching and Learning strategies and approaches;
- Quality procedures and inspection/assurance processes;
- Curriculum Planning and Development;
- Quality Assurance;
- Experience in schools, colleges, independent providers or university; and
- Educational Governance.

Finance and Audit Expertise:

- Financial Planning and Management;
- Budgetary Management;
- Annual Accounts Process Accountancy; and
- Investment Strategy.

We welcome applications from people who are familiar with the local areas: Birmingham, Solihull and Stratford-upon-Avon, as well as the regional and national context of FE and HE.

External Committee Vacancies

Audit Committee

There is one external member vacancy on the Audit Committee. This committee is responsible for overseeing audit. Successful applicants are likely to have experience in:

- Financial Controls, Planning and Monitoring – annual accounts process, accountancy, audit, internal controls and risk management;
- Health and Safety;
- Law/Legal Expertise and
- Governance and Compliance.

Remuneration Committee

There is one external Member vacancy on the Remuneration Committee. The committee is responsible for overseeing appointment, payment and performance of the Executive Management Team. Successful applicants are likely to have experience in:

- Knowledge, experience and involvement in the FE sector or in an education environment, including schools and HE;
- Human Resources: senior leadership experience in training and staff development, performance management, equality and diversity;
- Governance: membership and processes.