Audit and Risk Committee vacancy

Cambridge Regional College is seeking a new co-opted governor to join its Audit and Risk Committee.

Cambridge Regional College is one of the largest providers of vocational training and apprenticeships in the region, and provides full-time, part-time and work-based training to school leavers, adult and businesses, based across two campuses in Cambridge and Huntingdon. We are governed by a Board made up of 20 governors, including representatives from local business and the community, as well as the staff and student body.

The Board is seeking a professional from either an accounting or audit background to take on a co-opted Governor role sitting on its Audit and Risk Committee, which meets 3-4 times a year. The role of the Committee is to advise on the effectiveness of the College's systems of internal control and its arrangements for risk management, control and governance processes.

The College welcomes applications from both experienced non-executive leaders and first-time governors with strong expertise, sound judgement and a commitment to further education.

About Cambridge Regional College

Cambridge Regional College delivers a range of technical and professional programmes to the Cambridgeshire community. We merged with Huntingdonshire Regional College in August 2017 to create a larger regional college, retaining two campuses. We are one of the largest educational providers in the region, with nearly 700 staff and 9,000 learners (including full and part time learners). We work with over 1,000 employers nationwide. Over 90% of full-time students go on to employment or higher or further education within 3 months of completing their course.

The College Board is responsible for the finances and management of the College, for setting the strategic priorities of the College and for overseeing its performance. Much of the work of Governors takes place in Committees which report to the full board.

Role of the Audit and Risk Committee

The Audit and Risk Committee is responsible for scrutinising the College's financial and other controls, overseeing the College's risk management and assurance framework, the appointment of internal and external auditors and for ensuring the implementation of recommendations in audit reports.

Co-opted committee members attend 3-4 Audit committee meetings a year (normally 2 hours in early evening). The majority of meetings are held online, with the occasional meeting face to face in Cambridge. Additional work includes reading meeting papers, training and attending college events on an occasional basis. Co-opted committee members are also invited to the Board's annual Strategy Day meeting.

Finding out more

Applicants are invited for an informal chat with the Head of Governance Emily Baldwin in the first instance who can tell you more about the role, including key responsibilities and time commitment. Short-listed applicants are then interviewed by the Governance and People Committee, which makes a recommendation about their appointment to the Board. All governors are expected to provide a reference and complete an enhanced DBS check on appointment.

We are particularly keen to receive applications from candidates with diverse backgrounds who have a keen interest in making a difference to our community in a board-level environment. No previous experience of being a governor or trustee is required as training and support will be given.

The position of Governor is voluntary and unremunerated. Travel and subsistence expenses incurred in the performance of college duties are reimbursed in accordance with college policy.

If you are interested in finding out more, please email the Head of Governance in the first instance at ebaldwin@camre.ac.uk

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