



The National Governance Association (NGA) is partnering with Virtual College, one of the UK's top e-learning providers, to deliver an innovative e-learning portal for governors, trustees and clerks.

Learning Link benefits

- **Learning Link** – An **easy-to-use** and **cost-effective** e-learning portal that will help you every step of the way with your professional development.
- **A new governor e-learning portal** – Developed by Virtual College through its Enable LMS solution – one of the UK's leading learning management systems being used across businesses, schools, colleges, councils and training providers.
- **Flexible e-learning** – With many governors undertaking their e-learning in the evenings and on weekends, learning can be done at any time, place and pace that suit you. Learning Link gives you 24/7 access to course materials and training records. Progress can be saved so you are able to complete your course in bitesize chunks. Learners can also access their e-learning across different devices including smartphones and tablets.
- **24/7 telephone and email support** – Should you or your governors need a little help, our dedicated support team offer an efficient and friendly service. Contact us by email (learnersupport@virtual-college.co.uk) or call (01943 885095) any time for 24/7 support with getting started.
- **E-learning content** – Learning Link offers **bespoke training** on all aspects of school governance and offers a catalogue of high-quality content to develop your skills and knowledge on key topics including: strategy, team work, assessment, staffing, financial oversight, elements of effective governance, compliance and collaboration. It currently hosts [41 governor e-learning modules](#) which have been updated to reflect changes in legislation, the new Governance Handbook and the Competency Framework.
- **New governor e-learning modules** – Using our unrivalled knowledge of best governance practice and learner requirements, we are designing a new programme of [eight new induction modules](#). These will be added to the current e-learning content catalogue.

The modules will provide **interactive and engaging e-learning** with next steps guidance for further development and links to essential resources. New content will be released throughout the year.
- **Reporting** – To measure participation in Learning Link governing boards will be able to have **access to regular reports** about their governors' learning activities.
- **Certification** – Governors' learning is tracked. A certificate can be saved, emailed, and printed out straightaway to provide evidence of learning and assessment after successful completion of each module.

How do you register for Learning Link? It's a simple process

1. Visit <https://nga.vc-enable.co.uk/Register> to find the online self-registration form.
2. Add your details to the self-registration form in the following order
 - Your first name
 - Your last name
 - Your email
 - Your phone number (optional)
 - Your governance role title (optional)
 - Your school or academy – use the search box and make sure to select the right one using the address and postcode if necessary*
3. Read the statement in the large blue box at the bottom of the form and then click anywhere in the large blue box to submit your application for approval.
4. Approval is not immediate and you must wait for email confirmation of approval. It can take time to receive this email particularly if your application is submitted over a weekend or in the evening.
5. Your confirmation email will be sent to you. Once you receive your email confirmation, which includes your login details you can login to Learning Link and start to use it whenever you want to.

*If your school or academy is not listed, it may not be signed up to Learning Link. In this case please select the "My group has not been listed" box and an email will come through to us so that we can contact you.