

Career Academies: Local Advisory Board



Purpose

- Serve as a Career Academy advocate, leveraging corporate and community connections to raise awareness of the Career Academy and build support.
- Help develop Partner in Business (mentoring), field trips and other relevant enrichment experiences for Career Academy students and teachers.
- Secure/sponsor paid internships for Career Academy students.
- Assist in local programme budget development/local fundraising efforts.
- Act as a catalyst for change in state education, in support of the school or college's institutional improvement plans.

Membership

- Local Advisory Board members should represent a demographic cross section from companies in the community.
- Members should be senior executives so that they can use their corporate and community-wide access to act as an effective advocate and garner additional support for the Career Academy.
- Minimum of six business representatives plus a member of the Senior Management Team from the school or college, the Career Academy Co-ordinator, representatives of the local Education Business Partnership, the local Chamber of Commerce or perhaps other supporting business network groups. The student 'voice' should also be represented either by rotating student attendance at each meeting or a full time student representative.

Governance

- UKCAF has a proforma governance model requiring a Chairperson (to serve for two years), vice-chair and secretary. The model sets out governance rules.
- Recommended meeting schedule of at least three meetings per year.
- Each meeting should be no longer than one and a half hours.
- Each meeting will be fully minuted with action points.
- Each meeting will receive a progress report from the Career Academy Co-ordinator.
- A school or college managing two or more themes of Career Academy may need to consider having two Local Advisory Boards with appropriate co-operation between them.
- At a city or regional level UKCAF may require an 'umbrella' Advisory Board to ensure proper co-operation between Career Academies in the city or region and allow equitable distribution of company support, particularly national supporters.

If you'd like to get involved in a Career Academy in your community, we'd love to hear from you.

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