

Expression of Interest Form: Pathways Steering Board (Governance Board)

Welcome to Pathways

Pathways is a collaboration of the three Leicestershire Universities and Leicester College who received government funding through the Ofs Uni Connect Programme. Currently in its second delivery phase, the Steering Board, established in 2019, have overseen the investment of £1.3m of grant funding in a locally focused widening participation programme.

The project is currently funded until July 2021 with the possibility of extension dependant on the outcomes of the Government Spending Review.

For the remainder of this funding period the Steering Board will be overseeing the projects ambitious target of working closely with schools and colleges to meaningfully engage with 1,200 students from gaps wards where progression to HE (in any form including apprenticeships) is low and particularly low given attainment at GCSE.

In addition, the partnerships is currently developing an Outreach Hub with the aim of providing a credible, impartial and comprehensive platform for students, teachers and other supporters to access information and opportunities supporting progression into higher education.

The board meets on a bi-monthly basis for two hours.

Join our Steering Board

The Pathways Steering Board is **looking to co-opt two new members who are independent** of the partner universities or Leicester College.

Given the localised and student focused mission of our work we are particularly seeking people who:

- Work at a senior level within an organisation that aims to support young people to become successful and fulfilled adults; and/or:
- Have a senior role within a Leicestershire or Rutland educational establishment (secondary school or college); and/or:
- Can provide insight and steer into how Pathways can best direct it's resources to overcome the particular challenges faced by young people in the Leicester(shire region) in accessing further or higher education; and/or:
- Can provide knowledge and insight into other projects or organisations with a similar focus with whom Pathways should collaborate or ensure efforts are not duplicated.

If you would like to discuss the role of steering board member or your eligibility to be an independent board member please contact our chair:

Rachel Thomson: E: R.C.Thomson@lboro.ac.uk T: +44(0)1509 223155

For more information of the Uni Connect Programme please visit:

<https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/promoting-equal-opportunities/uni-connect/>

Expression of Interest Form:

Personal details

Full name:

Address:

Post code:

Contact Telephone No.:

Email address:

Organisation

Role:

My reasons for wishing to join the Pathways Steering Board are:

Please tell us a little bit about your interest in participating in the Steering Board.

Skills, Experience and insight which I could bring to the Steering Board:

Please give a brief description of how your current role or experience to date could support Pathways to reach its objectives.

Potential Conflict of Interest

*Please indicate if you are aware of any conflict of interest that may arise in your contribution to the Steering Board. This could include being a potential supplier of paid for services or representing a school or college which is a recipient of Pathways funding or support. **Please note that such considerations do not preclude appointment to the steering board.***

What do I do next?

Please email this completed form to Rachel Thomson: R.C.Thomson@lboro.ac.uk

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Member of the Pathways Steering Board. We will respond to all expressions of interest.