



The University of Manchester

One of the University of Manchester's core strategic goals in social responsibility; it "seeks to make a positive contribution to the social, economic cultural and environmental well-being of our global communities"

The University of Manchester School Governor Initiative (UMSGI) is a central part of this strategy.

Many state schools in the most challenging circumstances are unable to recruit governors with the right skills. Utilising its 11,000-plus workforce and substantial alumni community, in 2012-13 Manchester was able to encourage 241 people to take on such positions, bringing to the posts skills ranging from finance and law marketing and human resources.

The numbers of university staff becoming governors increased from 52 to 166.

Sir Deian Hopkin, president of the National Library of Wales and one of our judges, said that Manchester's project was a "key partner" in a national scheme organized by charity SGOSS – Governors for Schools, which aims to match skilled workplace staff with vacant governor positions.

"Since 2012-13, the university has helped to fill one in five school governor vacancies in the North West and has doubled the number of its staff involved," he said.

"By including alumni, Manchester now ranks highest of all UK employers involved in the SGOSS, with around 250 governors volunteering almost 3,000 days and impacting on 85,000 learners."

Sir Deian added that Manchester's intervention has had a "measurable effect on local school performance and reinforced the university's strategic ambition to make a positive contribution to its community".