

Charitable Status

Bolton College is a designated institution (being a company limited by guarantee) under the company name of 'Bolton College'. Bolton College is (as of the 1 August 2018) a wholly owned subsidiary of the University of Bolton and part of the 'University Group'. The Board is similar to a board of non-executive directors and made up of members from the business and local community, stakeholders, partners, staff and students. Governors are unpaid and act in a voluntary capacity.

Exempt Charity Information

Our legal and professional name is Bolton College and our correspondence address is:

Bolton College

Deane Road
Bolton
BL3 5BG

Our registered company number is 11198091.

The Board of Governors, who are the trustees of the charity, have paid regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance, particularly the supplementary guidance on the advancement of education. The College's charitable objects are: to provide further education, carry out knowledge exchange and develop long term partnerships as detailed in the College Strategic Plan.

The Board of Governors considers that they have complied with Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 with regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission. The paragraphs below demonstrate the public benefit arising through the College's activities. The College continues to demonstrate the public benefit and civic impact through its core activities as well as through connected initiatives, projects and activities:

- The College strives to remove barriers to education based on its core commitment to widening participation and serving local communities.
- The College strategically plans course delivery with labour market intelligence at the heart of curriculum intent. We provide our students with the right skills, experiences and qualifications to gain meaningful employment for successful career development which promotes economic prosperity across Bolton and the Greater Manchester Region.
- The College works in partnership with several public sector agencies, educational partners and community groups to improve the economic prospects and social mobility of Bolton and the North West. The Bolton Education Zone partnership, between the University of Bolton, Bolton College and Bolton Sixth Form College, continues to work actively to highlight, promote and advocate educational opportunities and progression routes in Bolton and to cooperate to facilitate these through shared activities.
- It supports many local organisations and charities both directly and indirectly. For example, Foundation for the Future partnership offers volunteering opportunities abroad with the chance to work alongside established charities FAST Romania or Otalom in Hungary and NZI in Slovenia. The partnership drives the ambition to boost the CVs and employability of local people whilst investing in our communities.
- 'A Taste of Bolton', organised by Women in Neighbourhoods, Bolton College and Bolton at Home was hosted at our Deane Rd campus and was a vibrant celebration of cuisine

and cultures from around the world and was held to officially launch a recipe book, with money raised from the sale of the book going to the Bolton Mayor's chosen charities.

- The College supports the Bolton Lads & Girls Club, a local charity, which has been providing a wide range of sporting and learning opportunities for young people since 1890. It works with other local voluntary agencies and charities such as Urban Outreach, Bolton Wanderers Community Trust, Bolton Community and Voluntary Services etc., to help create equality of opportunity and community cohesion in Bolton and beyond including supporting local charities through fundraising and use of facilities. For example the annual 'Women in Neighbourhoods' food competition/ festival and volunteering projects such as local hospital art.
- Students with learning difficulties and disabilities are supported to gain and sustain permanent employment. Our inclusive learning team provides a Progression Service and works closely with local employers to create the right support plans for both the business and the individual.
- Through its engagement with the local council, the College provides courses related to safeguarding and customer services to support residents in gaining the competencies required for gainful employment.
- During the pandemic the College's marketing team engaged with local partners to produce 'Supporting the Bolton Family', an e-magazine for the people, partners and communities of Bolton. This extended the reach of vital information relation to health services and also highlighted the many organisations offering support in the town.
- Residents with ESOL needs (343 over 2020-2021) who are the furthest from education are supported to develop relevant English skills, and integrate and thrive in their communities via MHCLG funded ESOL for Integration classes and social mixing activities.
- Our Wellbeing for Learning and Life Strategy is focused upon working with our students and staff to prepare them for the challenges that they may meet in life. We encourage our College community to talk about their wellbeing openly and honestly. We offer many opportunities for them to improve their wellbeing through a broad offer of enrichment and staff development activities, volunteering initiatives and through the provision of a wide range of specially trained staff who staff and students can speak to in confidence. We have worked in partnership with the Association of Colleges (AoC) and Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) on initiatives to drive our Wellbeing for Learning and Life Strategy forward – we are working towards all staff being trained in awareness of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) as the College strives to become an ACEs Aware organisation and it has supported training 40 staff as Mental Health First Aiders.
- The College has been successful in delivering an AoC funded project to develop an online tutorial resource for young people on Preventing Gun and Knife Crime. This project has involved partnership liaison with the Manchester Violence Reduction Unit, Greater Manchester Police, Manchester and Bolton Youth Services, plus Street Games and 84Youth 2 local charities who support the reduction of youth crime. The online resource is due to be shared with all Greater Manchester Colleges.
- The College provides community access to its facilities (such as the sports hall) and has provided support to key partner organisations such as Bolton Council / Vision Group, Bolton NHS, Bolton Learning Alliance.
- It operates and supports the Bolton Community Learning Contract on behalf of Bolton Council, reaching adults across the borough with a key focus on routes to employment.

Governing Documents

The College's governing documents comprise of its Articles of Association available at:
<http://www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/assets/Uploads/Attachments/About-Us-Corporate/Sutherland-Articles-of-Association-5th-July-2018.pdf>

Trustees

Members of the Governing Body are also trustees and have the responsibilities and potential liabilities that go with trustee status. Those charitable trustees who served at any time during a financial year and until the date the Financial Statements are formally approved as those members of the Governing Body listed in the relevant Financial Statements.

The names of the trustees on 31 January 2021, together with a list of all other charities (if any) of which each trustee is then also a trustee.

Name of Governor & Trustee & other charities (if any):

Dr A Roberts

The University of Bolton
The Whitehorse Project
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary Rawtenstall
QUEST

Mrs G Brennan

Great Lever Connected
Women in Neighbourhoods
Inspire Women Awards
Chai Times

Dr A Brooks

Mrs R Davison

Mr A Fawcett

The University of Bolton

Mrs K Flood

The University of Bolton

Mr D Haslam

Professor G E Holmes

The University of Bolton
Quest
Bolton Arena

Mrs S Lomax

Mrs S Nixon

The University of Manchester

Mr R Peet

Mr A R Unsworth

The University of Bolton
Lancashire Outdoor Activities Initiative
Alliance Learning

Mrs G Waugh

The University of Bolton
BSU

Mr B Webster

Bolton Wanderers Community Trust
IGEN Trust

The College is satisfied that it has had due regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Professional fundraisers and commercial participators do not carry out fundraising activities for the College. Instead, the College is preparing the ground for fundraising by raising its profile, building an excellent reputation and increasing the number of its friends.

Strategic Plan

The College publishes its Strategic Plan outlining its goals and strategic vision for the future. The Strategic Plan is available at: <https://www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/assets/Uploads/Strategic-Plan-18-2023.pdf> .

Financial Statements

Each year the College publishes its annual audited Financial Statements. The College's current Financial Statements (and including those of previous years) are available at: <http://www.boltoncollege.ac.uk/about-us/governance/finance-and-general-purposes/financial-statements/>