

Shaping Governance - Newsletter

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A-Z Series: A is for Appreciative

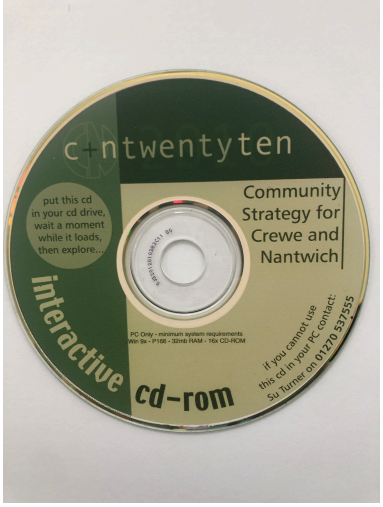
As we celebrate our 8th year, we want to give back to you - our incredible community!

To mark the occasion, we're launching our **A-Z Governance Blogs**. Every fortnight, we'll be sharing insights, tips, and best practices to support and strengthen governance.

It's only fitting that we kick things off with **A for Appreciative**. Su's work is deeply rooted in appreciative and child-centred methodologies, focusing on uncovering strengths while identifying opportunities for growth. She champions **collaborative improvement**, empowering governors to take ownership of their development and make a meaningful impact on pupils.

A is for Appreciative

The Local Government Act 2000: Reflections and Legacy - a series of blogs from Shaping Governance



In 2000, the **Local Government Act** ushered in a new era for local governance, placing collaboration and community engagement at the heart of public service. For the first time, councils were required to develop **community strategies**, bringing together local partners to improve social, economic, and environmental well-being.

In this blog, Su, our CEO reflects on her work developing one of the country's first community plans - and how collaborative approaches forged then - are still relevant today.

LGA2000 - Community Planning Blog

Governance Insights

Launch of free breakfast clubs

The launch of the free breakfast club initiative has recently made headlines, though not always for positive reasons. The scheme has faced criticism due to financial concerns. Regardless of whether your school is part of the early adopter phase, it is essential for your governing board to stay informed about the rollout and discuss any financial implications or potential effects on existing wraparound care. Check out our questions for governors.

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Trust-wide External Review of Governance - including Local Academies Committees

February 2025

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› collaboration › challenge
› perseverance › innovation

Our experience with Shaping Governance for our recent external review was outstanding. The process was clear, well-structured, and provided meaningful insights that will help strengthen our governance.

Working with Su Turner was a real highlight–her expertise, enthusiasm, and supportive approach made the experience both insightful and enjoyable. She took the time to understand our organisation and provided thoughtful guidance that has given us real clarity on our next steps. The support and resources available ensured we could reflect on our progress and identify key areas for development.

I would highly recommend Shaping Governance, and particularly Su, to any organisation looking to enhance its governance practices."



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