

BECOME A SCHOOL ADMISSION APPEAL PANEL MEMBER!

Reading Borough Council are always in need of volunteers to serve on education appeals panels. You would be part of an independent appeal panel, hearing appeals by parents when their child has not been offered a place at the school applied for, and deciding whether to admit a child to a school.

Appeals are heard during the day on an occasional basis, at the Council's Civic Offices, Bridge Street, Reading. We need volunteers from the community to hear the appeals - some with education experience (eg school governors or teachers past and present) and equally some without any education experience.

It is an interesting and rewarding voluntary role, working with others and making decisions that can impact on children and their families. Being a panel member can also provide a valuable opportunity to develop or enhance skills such as communication and team working and can provide valuable experience for work in other areas. Some panel members are needed to chair the appeals but it is not compulsory for all panel members to do so.

Full training for the role will be given and refreshments and car parking are provided. Travel and out-of-pocket expenses are also paid. Please note appeals are currently being heard online via Microsoft Teams due to the pandemic.

For more information and an application form, please contact Sarah Wilson (e-mail sarah.wilson@reading.gov.uk / telephone 0118 937 2532)



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