

Board of Governors - Code of Conduct

Governors and members of Board of Governors' committees of York St John University come from many different walks of life and bring with them experience, expertise and networks which are of great value to the University in fulfilling its Mission.

All Governors and members of Board of Governors' committees of York St John University should:

1. Support the aims and objectives of the University and promote the interests of the University and its students in the wider community.
2. Not engage in any behaviours that could bring the University into disrepute.
3. Respect the confidentiality of those items of business which the senior staff decide from time to time should be kept confidential.
4. Work co-operatively with others in the best interests of the University.
5. Acknowledge that, as an individual Governor/member of a Board of Governors' committee they have no legal authority to legally bind the University contractually unless specifically authorised to do so.
6. Resist any temptation to outside pressure to use the position of Governor, or member of a Board of Governors' committee, to directly or indirectly benefit him/herself or other individuals or agencies.
7. Declare openly and immediately any personal conflict of interest arising from a matter before a University meeting.
8. Declare openly any intimate and close personal relationships with staff and students at the University.¹
9. Follow the University's guiding principles in respect of the giving and receiving of gifts and hospitality.

By adhering to this Code of Conduct, Governors and members of Board of Governors' committees will contribute to the effective governance of York St John University and uphold its reputation and integrity.

1. Governors are not permitted to enter into any intimate personal relationships with York St John University students. There is an exemption for the Student Governor. York St John University has a zero-tolerance policy towards any form of discrimination, bullying, harassment, or victimisation. This includes all forms of sexual harassment, misconduct, violence, and abuse.