Are you interested in the

provision of education

and keen to support your local community?

Parents/guardians have the right to appeal against the decision of the Admission Authority when their child is not allocated a place at their preferred school. These appeals are heard by an Independent Panel consisting of lay persons and school governors.

Voluntary members are currently being recruited to sit on these Independent Appeal Panels.

We are looking for people from a range of backgrounds. You do not need any particular qualifications or be involved in the education sector, but you will need to be:

* Articulate
* Non judgemental
* Able to make rational and reasonable decisions
* Community focussed and keen to participate in a voluntary non-paid role (A fixed rate of £37.50 per day is paid to cover expenses)
* Able to attend a full day mandatory training session scheduled to take place in the New Year at Newham Dockside (Date to be confirmed)

We are particularly interested in people who have experience in education, who are acquainted with educational conditions in the local authority area, or who are parents of registered pupils at school.

Most appeals are heard during the period April to July and you will only be asked to sit on Panels during the year depending on your availability. Once allocated to a Panel you will however need to be available all day from 9.30 am to about 4.00 pm (times vary) and if there are many appeals for a particular school, be available for every day those appeals are being heard. Appeals are conducted via Zoom and therefore you will require internet access and a private area in your home.

All panel members are required to undertake a DBS check and may be required to attend a short informal interview.

If you are interested and would like more information, together with an application form, please contact Nisas@newham.gov.uk.

Applications must be received by Thursday 19th December and interviews, if necessary, will be held from this date onwards.