



The Company of Educators

Who are the Educators?

The Company of Educators (www.co-educators.com) was founded almost a decade ago as the Guild of Educators, within the body of over 100 Livery Companies of the City of London and in a tradition stretching back over 800 years. Its elevation to the status of 'The Company of Educators' in Autumn 2009 brings it one step closer to the goal of achieving its own Livery, which it is hoping to attain around the year 2013.

The membership list of the Company is exceptional in its diversity and quality: from early years specialists and school teachers to university vice-chancellors; from heads of schools to adult trainers and principals and administrators in further education; from Chief Executives and Chairs of government agencies and companies to Directors of Education and Children's Services; and from governors of schools, colleges and universities to leading academics, inspectors, advisers and authors.

The Company is a charitable body which is politically independent and without affiliation. Its members share a passionate commitment to education and training of the highest quality, allied to a strong belief in the central importance of the work of educators and trainers - to our society and to individual learners at all stages.

What do they do?

The aims of the Company are:

- to provide a forum for representatives of all sectors of education and training to meet professionally and socially to promote discussion and the exchange of views
- to recognise and support those engaged in education and training by means of appropriate grants, awards and medals and particularly by operating a separate charitable fund
- to encourage those engaged in education and training to play a part in the civic life of the City of London

The Company contributes to and benefits from association with an impressive network of City involvement in education and professional training through the charitable activities of so many of the Livery Companies.

Why should I join?

To make your contribution to a Company unique in the breadth of interest encompassed by its 200+ Freemen. This leads to professional debates rich in quality and gatherings marked by lively exchanges. New Freemen can quickly become involved in its activities and committees, and can contribute to the Company's leadership through membership of the Court and hence becoming Warden or Master.

How should I proceed?

Simply email the Clerk (clerk@co-educators.com) for a copy of the application form, or download it from the website. All applicants are invited to an informal meeting and interview, and upon election are asked to declare as Freemen of the Company.