

## NED Ready

A seminar programme for people who wish to become Non-Executive Directors (NED) in the public sector.

**Why:** Increasingly, the public sector has had to become more accountable in its governance procedures including the way that it attracts and appoints members to its Boards. Last year there were approximately 2,500 NED appointments to public sector Boards with over 19,000 applications. However, while many Boards provide NED induction after people have been appointed, there is no provision for prospective Board members to gain a real understanding of what it means to be a public sector NED. NED Ready is about stimulating the gene pool.



**Who:** Maggie Semple, OBE is a serial NED. She holds appointments in the private, public and voluntary sectors and it is her insights that have informed NED Ready. She is cited in Who's Who; People of Today; and has several thousands of Google entries. Maggie is the seminar host and the speakers are prominent people in public life.

The seminars will be of particular interest to individuals who hold senior positions in the private and public sectors. The level of debate and interaction is advanced.

**What:** Each three-hour seminar, for no more than 8 aspiring NEDs, is fast-paced and dynamic. Delegates will meet those responsible for NED appointments, hear prominent public sector people talk about how Boards really operate, and have the opportunity to discuss the cultures and behaviours that are anticipated but not made explicit. The programme is not about CV writing or governance issues but about understanding the values that underpin public service and how Board cultures work. At the end of a seminar, delegates will have a statement to verify their attendance at an NED Ready seminar that will be useful when applying for NED roles.

**When:** Monthly throughout 2010  
**Time:** 8.30 – 11.30 am  
**Where:** 4 Goodwin's Court, Off St Martin's Lane, London, WC2N 4LL  
**Cost:** £500 per person plus VAT

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