

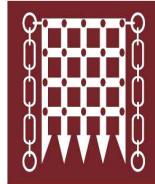
Westminster Education Forum Keynote Seminar:

Next steps for the National Citizen Service and priorities for Character Education in England

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 5th December 2017

Venue: Glaziers Hall, 9 Montague Close, London SE1 9DD

Agenda subject to change



8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee

Chair's opening remarks

Rt Hon Nicky Morgan MP, Chair, Treasury Select Committee and former Secretary of State for Education

Why is character education important?

Sir Anthony Seldon, Vice-Chancellor, University of Buckingham

Developing character skills in schools report - key findings

Neil Smith, Research Director, Children, Families & Work, NatCen

Questions and comments from the floor with **Sir Anthony Seldon**, Vice-Chancellor, University of Buckingham

Case studies: character education in the curriculum

Linda Sanders, Headmistress, The Laurels School, London

Matthew Maguire, Community Delivery Manager, Premiership Rugby

Supporting character development through education: progress and practicalities

In what areas is the current education system best placed to help build the character and resilience of pupils and how can this provision be developed? With best practice in this area being associated with using subjects like drama to build character and providing workshops in communication, leadership, and organisational skills, how should the challenges for schools with restricted resources be addressed? Taking into consideration the time limitations that exist within the curriculum, to what extent can elements of character education be included in the teaching of other subjects? In the time since the 2015 Carter Review of Initial Teacher Training called for trainee teachers to be equipped with the tools to develop characteristics in their pupils such as drive, grit and optimism, what progress has been made and what should be the contribution of initial teacher training and continual professional development to improving provision?

Geoff Barton, General Secretary, ASCL

John Claughton, former Chief Master, King Edward's School, Birmingham, West Midlands

Matthew Bawden, Assistant Headteacher, Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Derbyshire

Questions and comments from the floor with **Linda Sanders**, Headmistress, The Laurels School, London and

Matthew Maguire, Community Delivery Manager, Premiership Rugby

Chair's closing remarks

Rt Hon Nicky Morgan MP, Chair, Treasury Select Committee and former Secretary of State for Education

10.55 - 11.20 Coffee

Chair's opening remarks

Baroness Scott of Needham Market

Priorities for the NCS Trust

Naim Moukarzel, Director of Impact, NCS Trust

Questions and comments from the floor

The future for the National Citizen Service - accountability, delivery and impact

Following the granting of Royal Assent to the NCS Act, intended to ensure the service is accountable and sustainable, what further steps can be taken to ensure this in the future? Since its launch in 2011, what tangible impact has the NCS had on participants and the wider community and how should its long term impact be evaluated? With the NCS annual participation experiencing significant growth, how should the NCS Trust address the associated challenges for maintaining efficiency and quality, and what new approaches to delivery might be needed? Following concern that the increased focus on the NCS has led to a neglect of citizenship education, how might the service need to adapt to provide participants with these skills? With the recent decision made allowing 15 and 18-24 year olds to participate in the service in exceptional circumstances, what additional steps can be taken to ensure the opportunity is available as widely as possible regardless of individual circumstances?

Louise Lloyd, NCS Graduate

Jonny Zander, Director, Kaizen Partnership

Andrew Thraves, Director of Education, Prospects

Loo Brackpool, Head of Community Engagement, EFL Trust

Liam Burns, Head of Policy, Strategy & Innovation, The Scout Association

Questions and comments from the floor with **Naim Moukarzel**, Director of Impact, NCS Trust

Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks

Baroness Scott of Needham Market

Donncha Coleman, Senior Researcher, Westminster Education Forum