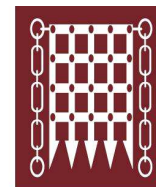


Westminster Education Forum Keynote Seminar
Raising educational attainment and improving social mobility: the role of schools, opportunities post-16 and implementing the Opportunity Areas programme

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 14th February 2019

Venue: Central London



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 - 9.25 **Evaluating progress made towards improving social mobility**
Senior speaker confirmed from the **Social Mobility Commission**
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 - 10.15 **The role of education in raising aspirations and improving attainment - tackling disadvantage in the early years, improving teaching quality, school improvement in challenging areas and partnerships**
Kim Caplin, Principal, Westminster Kingsway College
Mark Vickers, Chief Executive, Olive Academies
Senior representative, early years
Senior representative, free school
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 - 10.20 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.20 - 10.45 Coffee
- 10.45 - 10.50 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 - 11.00 **'Improving the opportunities of disadvantaged young people'**
Jenny Ann, National Collaborative Outreach Programme Manager, Office for Students
- 11.00 - 11.40 **Enhancing opportunities post-16 - the impact of T-Levels, improving and ensuring the sustainability of the FE sector and routes into employment and Higher Education**
David Woolley, Director of Student and Community Engagement, Nottingham Trent University
Senior representative, FE college
Employer
Questions and comments from the floor with **Jenny Ann**, National Collaborative Outreach Programme Manager, Office for Students
- 11.40 - 12.30 **Next steps for the Opportunity Areas programme - what's worked so far, areas for improvement and spreading best practice more widely across the country**
Professor Kathryn Mitchell, Chair, Derby Opportunity Area Partnership Board and Vice Chancellor, University of Derby
Professor Liz Barnes, Co-Chair, Stoke-on-Trent Opportunity Area Partnership Board and Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive, Staffordshire University
Melanie Richards, Vice Chair UK, KPMG
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Policy priorities for social mobility and the Opportunity Areas programme**
Hannah Streatfeild, Deputy Director, Opportunity Areas, Department for Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum