Westminster Education Forum Keynote Seminar:

Next steps for raising educational attainment and improving social mobility in England

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 18th January 2018

Venue: The Caledonian Club, 9 Halkin Street, London SW1X 7DR

Agenda subject to change



9.00 - 9.05 Chair's opening remarks

Lord Griffiths of Burry Port

9.05 - 9.35 State of the Nation 2017 - assessing progress towards improving social mobility

Erika Boak, Head of Policy - Schools, Social Mobility Commission

Questions and comments from the floor

9.35 - 10.30 Raising educational attainment and improving social mobility - evaluating best practice

Stuart Mathers, School Engagement and Dissemination Manager, Education Endowment Foundation

Richard Gould, Chief Executive, Villiers Park Educational Trust Jack Fox, Partner Schools Manager, University of Kent Dr Chris Wilson, Chief Executive Officer, The Brilliant Club Anna Ludwinek, Research Manager - Social Policies, Eurofound

Questions and comments from the floor

10.30 - 10.35 Chair's closing remarks

Lord Griffiths of Burry Port

10.35 - 11.05 Coffee

11.05 - 11.10 Chair's opening remarks

Dr Chris Wilson, Chief Executive Officer, The Brilliant Club

11.10 - 11.40 <u>'The vision for opportunity areas and the story so far'</u>

Sarah Lewis, Deputy Director, Opportunity Areas, Department for Education

Questions and comments from the floor

11.40 - 12.55 Priorities for the implementation of opportunity area plans

How can the range of programmes already on offer from charities and social enterprises be fully utilised in opportunity areas and what can be done to ensure the selection and overlap of these programmes is adequately controlled? How can the achievements of the different programmes be thoroughly evaluated, including measuring progress in areas such as improving social mobility and raising aspiration? With the involvement of the Careers and Enterprise Company, the Confederation of British Industry and the Federation of Small Businesses in the initiative, what steps can be taken to attract and develop better employment prospects for opportunity areas fusing the labour market and education system?

Professor Kathryn Mitchell, Vice-Chancellor, University of Derby

Adrian Ball, Chief Operating Officer, Inspiration Trust

Paul Lewis, Director of Government Relations and Communications, The Careers and Enterprise Company

Rosamund McNeil, Assistant General Secretary, NUT Section, National Education Union

Matt Davis, Regional Director, UK, Education Development Trust

Questions and comments from the floor with Sarah Lewis, Deputy Director, Opportunity Areas,

Department for Education

12.55 - 13.00 Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks

Dr Chris Wilson, Chief Executive Officer, The Brilliant Club

Donncha Coleman, Senior Researcher, Westminster Education Forum

