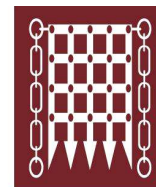


Westminster Education Forum Keynote Seminar:

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

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 5th December 2017

Venue: Central London



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Rt Hon Nicky Morgan MP, Chair, Treasury Select Committee and former Secretary of State for Education
- 9.05 - 9.20 **Why is character education important?**
Sir Anthony Seldon, Vice-Chancellor, University of Buckingham
- 9.20 - 9.55 **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
- 9.55 - 10.05 **Case studies: character education in the curriculum**
Linda Sanders, Headmistress, The Laurels School, London
Wayne Morris, Community and CSR Director, Premiership Rugby
- 10.05 - 10.50 **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 Cloughton, former Chief Master, King Edward's School, Birmingham
Matthew Bawden, Assistant Headteacher, Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School Ashbourne, Derbyshire
Questions and comments from the floor with **Linda Sanders**, Headmistress, The Laurels School, London and **Wayne Morris**, Community and CSR Director, Premiership Rugby
- 10.50 - 10.55 **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
- 11.20 - 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Scott of Needham Market
- 11.25 - 11.50 **Priorities for the NCS Trust**
Michael Lynas, Chief Executive, NCS Trust
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 - 12.00 **Reviewing the effectiveness of the National Citizen Service**
Emma Willson, Audit Manager, National Audit Office
- 12.00 - 12.55 **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?
Jonny Zander, Director, Kaizen Partnership
Andrew Thraves, Director of Education, Prospects
Loo Brackpool, Head of Community Engagement, EFL Trust
NCS Participant
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Baroness Scott of Needham Market
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum