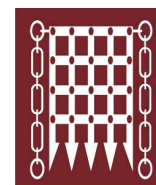


**Westminster Education Forum Keynote Seminar:
Raising educational attainment and improving social mobility in England - implementing
opportunity area plans and priorities for the new Parliament**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 18th January 2018

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 - 9.35 **State of the Nation 2017 - assessing progress towards improving social mobility**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.30 **Raising educational attainment and improving social mobility - evaluating best practice**
Michelle Rainbow, Skills for Business Director, North East Local Enterprise Partnership
Stuart Mathers, School Engagement and Dissemination Manager, Education Endowment Foundation
Jack Fox, Partner Schools Manager, University of Kent
Dr Chris Wilson, Co-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**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.35 - 11.05 Coffee
- 11.05 - 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Stedman-Scott
- 11.10 - 11.40 **The vision for opportunity areas - developing partnerships between business, education and third sector**
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?
Rosamund McNeil, Head of Education and Equality, NUT
Professor Kathryn Mitchell, Vice-Chancellor, University of Derby
Paul Lewis, Director of Government Relations and Communications, The Careers and Enterprise Company
Senior representative, multi-academy 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**
Baroness Stedman-Scott
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum