

Westminster Education Forum Keynote Seminar:
Raising pupil attainment in the North of England and the Midlands
Timing: Morning, Monday, 7th November 2016
Venue: Renaissance Marriott, Blackfriars Street, Manchester M3 2EQ



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Mike Kane MP, Shadow Schools Minister
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Improving educational outcomes in the North of England - Northern Powerhouse Schools Strategy**
Sir Nick Weller, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Principal, Dixons Academies, Bradford
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 10.20 **Raising the quality of teaching - teacher training, recruitment, attracting talented leaders and retention of staff**
- Encouraging talented teachers and middle leaders to teach in deprived schools*
Richard King, Head of Business Development, Education Development Trust
- Improving the quality of school leaders across the North of England*
Melanie Renowden, Executive Director of School Relations and System Leadership, The Future Leaders Trust
- Addressing specific teacher recruitment and retention challenges faced by schools in the North of England*
Dr George Madine, Associate Lecturer in Human Resource Management, University of Bradford
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 - 10.45 **Bridging the gap: raising overall education standards across the North of England**
Cathy Kirby HMI, Interim Regional Director for North East Yorkshire and Humber, Ofsted
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 - 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Mike Kane MP, Shadow Schools Minister
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Dr John Pugh MP, Liberal Democrat Shadow Education Spokesperson
- 11.20 - 11.40 **Role for Regional Schools Commissioners in improving educational outcomes**
Vicky Beer, Regional Schools Commissioner for Lancashire and West Yorkshire
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 - 12.10 **Best practice case studies in improving educational standards and pupil attainment**
- Employer engagement scheme case study: raising standards and improving learning outcomes*
David Rowsell, Head of Education, Lloyds Banking Group
- 'Using evidence to improve primary literacy standards'*
Thomas Martell, Lead, North East Primary Literacy Campaign, Education Endowment Foundation
- Best practice case study in raising aspirations, pupil attainment and overall educational outcomes*
Carl Ward, Executive Headteacher, Haywood Academy, Stoke-on-Trent
- Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.10 - 12.55 **Employment pathways, tackling underachievement of white working-class pupils and improving access to HE**
What could be done to open up more career pathways for young people, particularly those living in deprived northern cities? How can employers work with schools and colleges in ensuring more work experience opportunities are available to young people, especially in rural areas? What more could be done to tackle the underachievement of white working-class pupils; how can they be supported to make a smooth transition from school to further and higher education? In what ways can northern cities use Government's Northern Powerhouse initiative to improve educational and employment outcomes for young people? What more can universities do to help raise aspirations and support young people, particularly from coastal areas into higher education?
Anna Round, Senior Research Fellow, North East, IPPR
Teresa Chalmers, Executive Director, Employment and Skills, Humber Local Enterprise Partnership
Jackie Powell, Development Manager, Higher Education Progression Manager, Sheffield Hallam University
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Dr John Pugh MP, Liberal Democrat Shadow Education Spokesperson
Dieuni Welihinda, Associate Producer, Westminster Education Forum