

Policy Forum for Wales Keynote Seminar: Next steps for raising school standards in Wales - effective categorisation, tailored support and the teaching workforce

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 1st February 2018

Venue: Central Cardiff



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Nick Ramsay AM
- 9.05 - 9.25 **Assessing the place of school standards within Wales' wider educational reform journey**
Gareth Evans, Executive Director of Education Policy, University of Wales Trinity Saint David
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 - 10.20 **Challenges and opportunities for ensuring an effective categorisation system**
David Evans, Secretary, NUT Cymru
Dr Kevin Smith, Senior Lecturer, School of Social Sciences, Cardiff University and Research Associate, WISERDEducation
Jackie Parker, Headteacher, Crickhowell High School, Powys
Gareth Collier, Principal, Cardiff Sixth Form College
Councillor Philippa Marsden, Cabinet Member for Education and Achievement, Caerphilly County Borough Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 - 10.50 **Policy priorities for school standards**
Kirsty Williams AM, Cabinet Secretary for Education, Welsh Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 - 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Nick Ramsay AM
- 10.55 - 11.25 Coffee
- 11.25 - 11.30 **Chair's opening remarks**
Vikki Howells AM, Member, Cross-Party Group on Children and Young People
- 11.30 - 11.40 **Strategies for developing the role of Regional Education Consortia in raising school standards**
Arwyn Thomas, Managing Director, GwE
- 11.40 - 12.30 **Priorities for challenging schools - digital assessments, tailored interventions and supporting the teaching workforce**
Claire Price, Headteacher, Chepstow School, Monmouthshire and Advisor, The Education Foundation
Gerard McNamara, Headteacher, Barry Comprehensive School, Vale of Glamorgan
Robin Hughes, Consultant, GL Assessment
Stephen Fraser, International Partnerships Manager, Education Endowment Foundation
Questions and comments from the floor with **Arwyn Thomas**, Managing Director, GwE
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Improving educational outcomes through the use of targeted funding**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**
Vikki Howells AM, Member, Cross-Party Group on Children and Young People
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Wales