

Policy Forum for Wales Keynote Seminar: Next steps for school standards in Wales - developing the National School Categorisation System

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**
Senior Assembly Member
- 9.05 - 9.25 **Assessing the place of school standards within Wales' wider educational reform journey**
Senior speaker to be confirmed
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**
Senior Assembly Member
- 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 **Next steps for supporting challenging schools - digital assessments, increasing attainment and tailoring interventions**
Claire Price, Headteacher, Chepstow School, Monmouthshire and Advisor, The Education Foundation
Gerard McNamara, Headteacher, Barry Comprehensive School, Vale of Glamorgan
Paul McGlade, Regional Director, Ireland Scotland and Wales, 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 **Ensuring effective qualifications to uphold school standards**
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