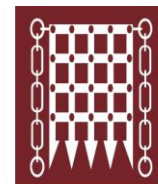


Westminster Education Forum policy conference
Improving support for care leavers - educational progression and employment, coordination, addressing long term challenges, and priorities for policy

Timing: Morning, Monday, 24th January 2022

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Young of Hornsey, Co-Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Looked After Children and Care Leavers
- 9.05 **The impact of the pandemic on care leavers and key priorities moving forward**
David Graham, National Director, Care Leavers Association
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Improving coordination across the system - effective multi-agency working, policy alignment between national and local government, staff support and retention, and issues related to funding**
Councillor Clare Curran, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Surrey County Council
Jane Collins, Director, Foster Support
Paul Shuttleworth, Professional Officer, BASW
Rebekah Pierre, Professional Officer, BASW
Senior representative, FE college
Commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 Break
- 10.20 **Addressing long-term challenges impacting children in care and care leavers - improving educational attainment, addressing mental health concerns, and reducing offending rates**
Julie Bunn, Virtual School Head, NYCC; and Vice Chair, NAVSH
Hannah McCowen, Manager, National Leaving Care Benchmarking Forum, Catch 22
Dr Dan Hughes, Founder, Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy
Caroline Bald, Student Recruitment Lead, School of Health and Social Care, University of Essex
Senior representative, police
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Young of Hornsey, Co-Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Looked After Children and Care Leavers
- 11.10 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.20 **Assisting care leavers with the transition to employment and independent living**
Nick Smith-Patel, Head of Education, MyBnk
- 11.30 **Improving support for care leavers - pathways to educational progression and employment, access to adequate housing, building support networks, and facilitating integration into the wider community**
Jennifer Mohammadi, Trustee, Live Unlimited
Claire Preston, Social Value Manager, Places & Communities, ENGIE UK
Cllr Neil MacDonald, Portfolio Holder for Housing, Ipswich Borough Council
Julie Towers, Managing Director, Penna
Nicola Turner, Policy Adviser, UCAS
- 11.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 Break
- 12.25 **Key policy priorities for improving the outlook for care leavers**
Mark Riddell, National Implementation Adviser for Care Leavers, Department for Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum