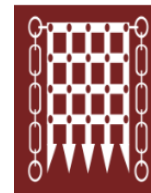


**Westminster Education Forum and Westminster Media Forum policy conference:
Next steps for creative education in England - creative subjects in schools, FE and HEIs, progression,
and career development**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 24th June 2025

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentary
- 9.05 **Assessing the current creative education landscape in England**
Jill Cowley, Pro Vice-Chancellor Skills and Training and Dean, Faculty of Arts, Design and Humanities, De Montfort University
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 **Creative education in schools moving forward**
priorities for improving access to art and design, drama and music | key findings from the Curriculum and Assessment Review interim report | plans for addressing falling participation | funding and support requirements in schools | assessing the suitability of existing assessment methods | creativity under the new Ofsted inspection framework and recognising creative pursuits in the Ofsted reports | reframing the value of arts in education
Jacqui O'Hanlon, Director, Creative Learning and Engagement, Royal Shakespeare Company
Kate Fellows, Head of Learning and Access, Leeds Museums and Galleries
Sophie Leach, Deputy General Secretary, National Society for Education in Art and Design
Senior representative, school
Senior representative, awarding body
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 **Priorities for widening access to creative education, and key findings from the Curriculum and Assessment Review interim report**
Dr Vanessa Ogden, CEO, Mulberry Schools Trust; and Member, Curriculum and Assessment Review Group
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentary
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentary
- 11.00 **Developing effective talent pipelines for the creative industries**
Stuart Worden, Principal, The BRIT School
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **Pathways into higher education and the future of creative subjects in university**
raising awareness of vocational routes into employment | providing access to high quality careers guidance | priorities for the Creative Careers programme | strategies for fulfilling the needs of creative HE providers | financial sustainability of HEIs in the creative sector | outreach and widening participation
Professor Fintan Walsh, Head, School of Creative Arts, Culture and Communication, Birkbeck, University of London
Janine Streuli, Dean, Royal Academy of Dance
Senior representative, employer
Senior representative, FE
Senior representative, charity
- 11.45 **Raising awareness of vocational routes into employment and priorities for providing access to high quality careers guidance**
John Yarham, Interim Chief Executive, Careers & Enterprise Company
- 11.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.15 **Assessing current talent pipelines and improving pathways into industry**
examining the Government's Invest 2035 aims | tackling the skills gap in the creative sector | meeting the needs of industry | strategies for career development and upskilling | maintaining the UK's attractiveness for international talent | priorities for Skills England
Dana Gamble, Policy Manger, Skills, Innovation and International, GuildHE
Senior representative, employer
Senior representative, industry
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Forum Projects closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentary
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Forum Projects