

Westminster Education Forum policy conference

Next steps for early years education in England - EYFS implementation, the workforce, inspection, and the impact of COVID-19

Timing: Morning, Monday, 8th February 2021

Taking place online



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Steve Brine MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Children and Early Years
- 9.05 **Assessing early years provision in England - key challenges and the experience of the pandemic**
Jessica Oghenegweke, Commissioner, Social Mobility Commission
Neil Leitch, Chief Executive Officer, Early Years Alliance
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.40 Break
- 9.45 **'The role of innovation in closing the school readiness gap'**
Tom Symons, Deputy Director, A Fairer Start Mission, NESTA
- 9.55 **Supporting the sector moving forward and workforce priorities - coping with demand, resources and funding issues, and staff recruitment, pay and career development**
Professor Christine Pascal, Director, Centre for Research in Early Childhood
Sara Bonetti, Director of Early Years, Education Policy Institute
Michele Barrett, Executive Headteacher, Vanessa Nursery School and Randolph Beresford Early Years Centre, London
Deborah Lawson, Assistant General Secretary, Voice the Union
Julie Hyde, Director of External and Regulatory Affairs, CACHE
- 10.20 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Steve Brine MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Children and Early Years
- 11.00 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 **Inspecting early years settings under the reformed EYFS framework**
Alex Magloire, Deputy Director, Early Years Regulatory Practice, Ofsted
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 **Implementing the reformed EYFS framework - lessons from the early adopters, improving literacy and mathematics skills, and impact on staff workload and assessment**
Dr Julian Grenier, Headteacher, Sheringham Nursery School, Manor Park, London
Dr Claudine Bowyer-Crane, Associate Research Director, National Institute of Economic and Social Research
Hannah Gibson, Head of School, Knavesmire Primary School, York, and Josey Hall, Early Years Phase Leader, Knavesmire Primary School, York
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **'Bringing evidence-based language approaches to the Early Years'**
Sarah Tillotson, Programme Manager, Education Endowment Foundation
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