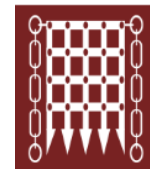


**Westminster Education Forum policy conference:
Next steps for childcare and early years provision in England**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 16th July 2024

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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Watson of Invergowrie
- 9.05 **Assessing the preparation to extend childcare entitlements for parents in England**
Emma Wilson, Director, Education Value for Money Team, National Audit Office
- 9.20 **Implementation of the extended childcare support scheme and funding framework**
next steps for delivery | impact on providers | accessibility and affordability of childcare
Helen Donohoe, Chief Executive, Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years
Gill Jones, Group Chief Quality Officer and Safeguarding Lead, Busy Bees Nurseries
Sarah Ronan, Director, Early Education and Childcare Coalition
Councillor Wendy Meikle, Cabinet Member, Children, Families and Education, Stockport Council
- 9.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.05 **Early years provision - lessons from other jurisdictions**
Stéphanie Jamet, Senior Analyst, OECD Directorate for Education and Skills
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Watson of Invergowrie
- 10.30 Break
- 10.40 **Chair's opening remarks**
Nahid Mortuza, Head of Education and Early Years, Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education
- 10.45 **Priorities for the childcare and early years workforce**
Neil Leitch, Chief Executive, Early Years Alliance
- 10.55 **Meeting childcare demands - key issues for the workforce**
addressing recruitment and retention barriers | improving training and CPD opportunities | workforce diversity | tackling workload pressures
Julie Hyde, Director, External and Regulatory Affairs, NCFE
June O'Sullivan, CEO, London Early Years Foundation
- 11.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **The future of childcare and early years provision**
addressing barriers to accessing childcare | financial incentives | improving outcomes | bolstering the workforce
Professor Verity Campbell-Barr, Professor in Early Childhood Education, and Director, Plymouth Institute of Education
Lydia Hodges, Head of Coram Family and Childcare
Tracy Jackson, Head of Early Years, National Literacy Trust
Preeti Patel, Director of Education and Community, Montessori Global Education
Emma Gardner, National Lead, Operations and Quality, Early Years and Childcare, Action for Children
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **'Using research and evidence to influence early years policy and effect systemic change'**
Tony McAleavy, Education Director, Education Development Trust
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Nahid Mortuza, Head of Education and Early Years, the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE)
Aissa Gaye, Westminster Education Forum