## **Westminster Education Forum policy conference**

Greening the curriculum - qualifications, curriculum design and implementation, supporting teachers, and progression routes into further study and employment

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021

\*\*\*Taking Place Online\*\*\*

Draft agenda subject to change

8.30 Registration

9.00 Chair's opening remarks

**Lord Lucas** 

9.05 'Why Natural History is the cultural glue that binds our understanding of the systems that govern the world...together'

Sir Tim Smit, Co-Founder, Eden Project

Questions and comments from the floor

9.30 The case for a Natural History GCSE and why it is needed

Craig Bennett, Chief Executive Officer, The Wildlife Trusts

9.40 Considerations for developing the new qualification and wider environmentally focused educational opportunities

Paul Steer, Head of Policy, OCR

9.50 Questions and comments from the floor

10.00 Break

10.05 The practical vision for a green curriculum and how to enhance young people's understanding of the natural world

Mary Colwell, Producer and Author

**Tim Oates**, Group Director of Assessment Research and Development, Cambridge Assessment

Questions and comments from the floor

10.30 Best practice in effectively adapting the curriculum to support the transition to a green economy

Dr Laura Colucci-Gray, Senior Lecturer in Science and Sustainability Education, University of Edinburgh

10.40 <u>Curriculum design and implementation - core content, pedagogical methods, supporting teachers and schools, expanding</u>

outdoor learning, and dovetailing with teaching around mental health and wellbeing

Mark Castle, Chief Executive, Field Studies Council

Dr Meryl Batchelder, Subject Leader of Science, Corbridge Middle School; and TeachSDG Ambassador

Dr Matthew Adams, Principal Lecturer in Psychology, University of Brighton

Marianne Cutler, Director, Curriculum Innovation, Association for Science Education (ASE)

Claire Robinson, Headteacher, Holme Grange School, Wokingham

11.05 Questions and comments from the floor

11.25 Chair's closing remarks

**Lord Lucas** 

11.30 Break

11.35 Chair's opening remarks

Moores University

Caroline Lucas MP, Member, Environmental Audit Committee

11.40 Extending the potential of green education - equipping students with the skills of the future, citizen science, and for

 $\underline{informed\ engagement\ with\ climate\ issues\ and\ options\ around\ progression\ into\ further\ study\ and\ employment}$ 

**Charlotte Bonner**, National Head of Education for Sustainable Development, Education and Training Foundation **Dr Timothy Lane**, Lecturer in Physical Geography and Programme Leader, BSc Climate Change Degree, Liverpool John

Kabir Kaul, Conservationist and Wildlife Writer

Josie Murdoch, Senior Policy Officer, Aldersgate Group

Andrew Esson, Director of Industrial Strategy, Newcastle College University Centre

Questions and comments from the floor

12.30 Break

12.35 <u>'Education International's Climate Change Education Ambition Report Card - what next for policy?'</u>

**Dr Christina Kwauk**, Education Consultant and Author, *Education International Climate Change Education Ambition Report Card* 

Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks

Caroline Lucas MP, Member, Environmental Audit Committee

Aleksiina Kallunki, Senior Researcher, Westminster Education Forum

