

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, 19th October 2021

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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
- 9.20 **The case for a Natural History GCSE and why it is needed**
Craig Bennett, Chief Executive Officer, The Wildlife Trusts
- 9.30 **Considerations for developing the new qualification and wider environmentally focussed educational opportunities**
Paul Steer, Head of Policy, OCR
- 9.40 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**
Senior commentator
- 10.40 **Curriculum design and implementation - core content, pedagogical methods, supporting teachers and schools, the practicality of finding time and resources, expanding outdoor learning, and dovetailing with teaching students about mental health and wellbeing**
Mark Castle, Chief Executive, Field Studies Council
Meryl Batchelder, Subject Leader of Science, Corbridge Middle School and SDG Ambassador, TeachSDGs
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**
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 skills and 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
Dora Martínez Carbonell, Sustainability Initiatives Co-ordinator, West Suffolk College
Dr Timothy Lane, Lecturer in Physical Geography and Programme Leader, BSc Climate Change Degree, Liverpool John Moores University
Kabir Kaul, Conservationist and Wildlife Writer
Senior representative, business
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 Break
- 12.35 **Greening the curriculum - what next for policy?**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Caroline Lucas MP, Member, Environmental Audit Committee
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum