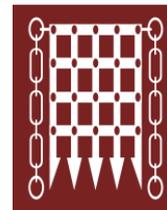


Westminster Media Forum and Westminster Education Forum policy conference:

Next steps for the National Youth Strategy

Timing: Morning, Thursday 12th March 2026

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Priorities for implementation of the National Youth Strategy**
Senior speaker confirmed from the **Department for Culture, Media and Sport**
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Assessing the National Youth Strategy - implementation priorities, co-production, and long-term investment**
esteems and recognition of youth work | priorities for youth sector infrastructure | enabling strategic co-production with young people | coordination with wider priorities for skills, health, wellbeing and safer communities | funding outcomes from the 2025 Autumn Budget and the targeting of resource allocation for youth work | clarity on implementation plans, including roles and responsibilities | delivering commitments to long-term youth work and investment | supporting the shift away from one-size-fits-all decision-making
Senior representative, youth organisation
Senior representative, young people
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.25 Break
- 10.35 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.40 **Key considerations for training and retention of youth workers**
Senior representative, youth work
- 10.50 **Implementation of the National Youth Strategy - best practice, workforce development, and stakeholder roles and coordination**
improving the capability of regional youth workforces | strategic development of the youth work profession, including recruitment, retention and new professional routes | recognising youth work as a valued career and meeting rising demand | investing in regional projects and assessing place-based approaches tailored to diverse community needs | assessing delivery of measures announced in the Building Creative Futures package | rollout of the Local Youth Transformation Pilot and Better Youth Spaces programme | coordination between youth service providers and clarity on roles across government, local authorities, charities and wider providers | identifying and sharing best practice
Senior representative, grassroots organisation
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, advocacy
Senior commentator
Senior representative, best practice
- 11.20 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Strategic approaches to tackling youth inactivity**
Senior commentator
- 12.00 **Supporting youth progression - access to opportunity, enrichment, extracurricular provision, and tackling inactivity**
priorities for the independent investigation launched to tackle high numbers of NEET young people | understanding drivers of increased youth inactivity | coordination with wider policy goals for youth safety, health and wellbeing | Skills White Paper implementation to support educational and vocational progression | access to opportunity and equality of extracurricular provision | rollout of the new core enrichment entitlement | partnerships with national organisations, private providers, and employers to expand enrichment | supporting schools and colleges in embedding enrichment and improving participation | funding and infrastructure needs for equitable enrichment delivery | approaches to workforce development and alignment with the Youth Guarantee
Senior representative, school
Senior representative, skills
Senior representative, health
Senior representative, employment
Senior representative, regions
- 12.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Forum Projects closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Thomas Howard, Westminster Forum Projects