Westminster Education Forum Keynote Seminar
Next steps for early years education: developing the EYFS profile, assessment and priorities for strengthening the transition to primary education
Timing: Morning, Thursday, 8th November 2018
Venue: Institution of Mechanical Engineers, One Birdcage Walk, London SW1H 9JJ

Agenda subject to change

8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee

9.00 - 9.05 Chair’s opening remarks
Baroness Perry of Southwark

9.05 - 9.35 Building on ‘Bold Beginnings’
Phil Minns, Specialist Adviser for Early Years and Primary, Ofsted
Questions and comments from the floor

9.35 - 10.30 Next steps for reforming the EYFS profile and key priorities for strengthening the transition to primary education - narrowing the attainment gap and improving collaboration
Claire Tyrrell-Smith, Deputy Headteacher and SENCO, Greenfields Primary School, Northamptonshire
Elaine Bennett, EYFS and Year One Leader, Friars Primary School and Nursery, Essex
Michael Freeston, Director of Quality Improvement, Pre-school Learning Alliance
Professor Helen Bilton, Director, PGT Programmes, Institute of Education; Senior Tutor and Professor of Outdoor Learning, University of Reading
Questions and comments from the floor

10.30 - 11.10 Strengthening and supporting the workforce in the early years sector
Dr Sara Bonetti, Associate Director, Early Years, Education Policy Institute
Julie Hyde, Director of Business Development, Cache
Questions and comments from the floor

11.10 - 11.35 Coffee

11.35 - 12.05 Next steps for early years education - key policy priorities
Susie Owen, Deputy Director, Early Years and Childcare, Department for Education
Questions and comments from the floor

12.05 - 12.55 Ensuring school-readiness and implementing a future reception baseline test
Sonia Nickerson, Senior Headteacher, Meon Junior School and Moorings Way Infant School, Hampshire; The Thinking Schools Academy Trust
Dr Alice Bradbury, Senior Lecturer, University College London
Brian Netto, Lead Officer for Early Years, Harrow Council
Ken Jones, Lead Policy Advisor, National Education Union and Emeritus Professor of Education, Goldsmiths, University of London
Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 - 13.00 Chair’s and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks
Baroness Perry of Southwark
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum