

**Westminster Education Forum policy conference**  
**Next steps for improving social mobility in England - the Opportunity Areas programme, tackling regional inequality affecting young people, and the roles of education and business**  
*Timing: Afternoon, Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020*



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- 12.30 - 13.00 Registration and coffee
- 13.00 - 13.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Justin Madders MP**, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Social Mobility
- 13.05 - 13.35 **The State of the Nation - analysing the current landscape of social mobility**  
**Sasha Morgan**, Director of the Social Mobility Secretariat, Social Mobility Commission  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.35 - 13.45 Break
- 13.45 - 14.40 **Creating new ways to tackle inequalities among young people - the role of employers, widening access to university and developing solutions to retaining young people within a particular region**  
**Ellen McHugh**, Assistant Head Student Leadership & Enterprise, St Albans Girls' School  
**Richard Hamer**, Education Director, BAE Systems  
**Dr Andrew Ross**, Head of Widening Access and Participation, University of Bath  
Senior representative, local authority  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 14.40 - 14.45 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Justin Madders MP**, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Social Mobility
- 14.45 - 15.00 Break
- 15.00 - 15.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Professor David Hopkins**, Professor of Educational Leadership, University of Bolton and Professor Emeritus, Institute of Education, University College London
- 15.05 - 15.55 **The role of education in enhancing social mobility for young people - best practice in the use of current provision, and developing community-led approaches and partnerships both in and outside of the classroom**  
**Wayne Norrie**, Chief Executive, Greenwood Academies Trust, Nottinghamshire  
**Sarah Holmes-Carne**, Principal, Kenton School  
**Asfa Sohail**, Principal, Lewisham Southwark College  
**Sarah Atkinson**, Chief Executive, Social Mobility Foundation  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 15.55 - 16.05 Break
- 16.05 - 16.55 **The Opportunity Areas Programme - impact so far and next steps for creating sustainable improvements in outcomes for young people**  
**Anne-Marie Canning**, Chief Executive Officer, The Brilliant Club and Independent Chair, Bradford Opportunity Area  
**Dr Tim Coulson**, Independent Chair, Norwich Opportunity Area  
**James Kempton**, Independent Chair, Oldham Opportunity Area  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 16.55 - 17.00 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**  
**Professor David Hopkins**, Professor of Educational Leadership, University of Bolton and Professor Emeritus, Institute of Education, University College London  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum