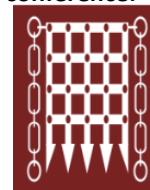


**Westminster Education Forum, Westminster Higher Education Forum and Westminster Media Forum policy conference:  
Next steps for creative education in England - creative subjects in schools, FE and HEIs, progression,  
and career development**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025

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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Professor Fintan Walsh**, Head, School of Creative Arts, Culture and Communication, Birkbeck, University of London
- 9.05 **Assessing the current creative education landscape in England**  
**Jill Cowley**, Pro Vice-Chancellor Skills and Training and Dean, Faculty of Arts, Design and Humanities, De Montfort University  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 **Creative education in schools moving forward**  
*priorities for improving access to art and design, drama and music | key findings from the Curriculum and Assessment Review interim report | plans for addressing falling participation | funding and support requirements in schools | assessing the suitability of existing assessment methods | creativity under the new Ofsted inspection framework and recognising creative pursuits in the Ofsted reports | reframing the value of arts in education*  
**Jacqui O'Hanlon**, Director, Creative Learning and Engagement, Royal Shakespeare Company  
**Kate Fellows**, Head of Learning and Access, Leeds Museums and Galleries  
**Sophie Leach**, Deputy General Secretary, National Society for Education in Art and Design  
**Richard Harris**, Head, Art and Design, Raynes Park High School  
**Jennifer King**, EMEA Education Lead, Adobe  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 **Priorities for widening access to creative education, and key findings from the Curriculum and Assessment Review interim report**  
**Dr Vanessa Ogden**, CEO, Mulberry Schools Trust; and Member, Curriculum and Assessment Review Group  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Professor Fintan Walsh**, Head, School of Creative Arts, Culture and Communication, Birkbeck, University of London
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Baroness Bonham-Carter**, Liberal Democrat Lords Spokesperson, Culture, Media and Sport
- 11.00 **Developing effective talent pipelines for the creative industries**  
**Stuart Worden**, Principal, The BRIT School  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **Pathways into higher education and the future of creative subjects in university**  
*raising awareness of vocational routes into employment | providing access to high quality careers guidance | priorities for the Creative Careers programme | strategies for fulfilling the needs of creative HE providers | financial sustainability of HEIs in the creative sector | outreach and widening participation*  
**Lucy Kennedy**, Chief Executive, National Saturday Club  
**Professor Fintan Walsh**, Head, School of Creative Arts, Culture and Communication, Birkbeck, University of London  
**Janine Streuli**, Dean, Royal Academy of Dance  
**Michael John**, Creative Curriculum Leader, Pearson
- 11.45 **Raising awareness of vocational routes into employment and priorities for providing access to high quality careers guidance**  
**John Yarham**, Interim Chief Executive, Careers & Enterprise Company
- 11.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.15 **Assessing current talent pipelines and improving pathways into industry**  
*examining the Government's Invest 2035 aims | tackling the skills gap in the creative sector | meeting the needs of industry | strategies for career development and upskilling | maintaining the UK's attractiveness for international talent | priorities for Skills England*  
**Dana Gamble**, Policy Manger, Skills, Innovation and International, GuildHE  
**Heather Carey**, Director, Work Advance  
**Naomi McCarthy**, Senior Policy and Campaigns Officer, Independent Society of Musicians  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Forum Projects closing remarks**  
**Baroness Bonham-Carter**, Liberal Democrat Lords Spokesperson, Culture, Media and Sport  
**Elsa Woodworth Jones**, Westminster Forum Projects