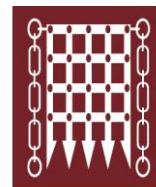


## Westminster Education Forum policy conference

### The next steps for improving social mobility and raising educational attainment in England in the wake of COVID-19

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**David Johnston MP**, Member, Education Select Committee
- 9.05 **Social mobility in England - the current state of play and future priorities**  
**Sammy Wright**, Vice Principal, Southmoor Academy, Sunderland; and Commissioner, Social Mobility Commission  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **The impact of COVID-19 on educational attainment, and priorities for recovery - tackling disadvantage in early years, student engagement in lockdown, regional inequalities, and support for teachers**  
**Dr Julie Nelson**, Senior Research Manager, National Foundation for Educational Research  
**Nick Bent**, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, The Tutor Trust  
**Maria Hoather**, National Lead for Character Education, SLQ  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 Break
- 10.25 **The National Tutoring Programme - progress so far**  
**Professor Becky Francis**, Chief Executive Officer, Education Endowment Foundation  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**David Johnston MP**, Member, Education Select Committee
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Siobhain McDonagh MP**, Vice-Chair, All Party Parliamentary Group on Social Mobility
- 11.10 **'Education policies, student achievement, and social mobility: an international perspective'**  
**Dr Louis Volante**, Professor, Department of Educational Studies, Brock University, Professorial Fellow, UNU-MERIT and President, Canadian Educational Researchers' Association  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Raising social mobility in the wake of COVID-19 - post-16 case-studies in routes to employment**  
  
*The COVID-19 generation - the outlook for young people in the post-pandemic economy*  
**Professor Stephen Machin**, Director, Centre for Economic Performance, London School of Economics and Political Science  
  
*Supporting disadvantaged graduates into the labour market*  
**John Craven**, Chief Executive, upReach  
  
*Making social mobility work for BAME communities*  
**Isa Mutlib**, Chief Executive Officer, BAME Apprenticeship Alliance  
  
*Closing the digital divide - providing disadvantaged groups with the digital skills needed for the workplace*  
**Russ Shaw**, Founder, Tech London Advocates & Global Tech Advocates  
  
*Delivering effective and relevant careers advice*  
**Ryan Gibson**, National System Leader, Careers, Academies Enterprise Trust  
  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **'How has COVID impacted on future ambition?'**  
**Ben Jordan**, Senior Policy and Qualifications Manager, UCAS  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**  
**Siobhain McDonagh MP**, Vice-Chair, All Party Parliamentary Group on Social Mobility  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum