

Westminster Education Forum policy conference

The future for EdTech in England - standards, quality and accessibility, the experience of lockdown, and next steps for the EdTech Strategy

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 11th March 2021

Taking Place Online



Draft agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Rt Hon The Lord Willetts
- 9.05 **The EdTech Strategy - priorities going forward post-pandemic**
Caroline Wright, Director General, British Educational Suppliers Association and Member, Department for Education EdTech Leadership Group
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **The EdTech sector today - and prospects for the future**
Ty Goddard, Chair, EdTech UK
- 9.45 **EdTech and COVID-19 - educational attainment, engagement with students and their households, best practice and lessons learned so far, and looking ahead to the role of remote learning post-pandemic**
Professor Rose Luckin, Professor of Learner Centred Design, UCL Knowledge Lab and Director, EDUCATE
Julian Drinkall, Chief Executive Officer, Academies Enterprise Trust
Ritam Gandhi, Founder, Studio Graphene
Kerry-Jane Packman, Executive Director of Programmes, Membership and Charitable Services, Parentkind
Simon Carter, Marketing Director, Technology, RM
- 10.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Rt Hon The Lord Willetts
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Ty Goddard, Chair, EdTech UK
- 11.00 **What works in EdTech - building an evidence base, school-to-school support for EdTech, and next steps for driving up standards**
Dr Sara de Freitas, Executive Director of Education, Wey Education Group
Dan Sandhu, Chief Executive, Sparx and Member, EdTech Evidence Group
Scott Hayden, Digital Innovation Specialist, Basingstoke College of Technology, Hampshire
Lynda Woodburn, Headteacher, Dalton St Mary's C of E Primary School, Cumbria
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 **A perspective on the use of EdTech internationally**
Andrea Bertone, Chief Revenue Officer, OpenClassrooms
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.15 Break
- 12.20 **Ensuring EdTech works for all - accessibility, levelling up, and supporting a rounded education**
Making EdTech work for students with SEND
Zoe Mather, Education Officer, Nasen
Strategies for bridging the digital divide
Sarah Horrocks, Director, London Connected Learning Centre, Education Development Trust
Delivering social and emotional learning in a virtual setting
Will Millard, Head of Engagement, The Centre for Education and Youth
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Ty Goddard, Chair, EdTech UK
Aleksiina Kallunki, Researcher, Westminster Education Forum