

Policy Forum for Northern Ireland Keynote Seminar
**Education in Northern Ireland: next steps for the curriculum,
assessment and improving standards**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 4th December 2018

Venue: Belfast



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Chris Lyttle MLA, Vice-Chairperson, All Party Group on Children and Young People
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Priorities for education policy in Northern Ireland**
Tommy O'Reilly, Deputy Secretary, Education and Children's Services, Department of Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 9.45 **Delivering effective school improvement**
John Unsworth, Assistant Director of Education, Education Authority
- 9.45 - 10.45 **Next steps in school improvement: effective leadership, improving standards and raising attainment**
Professor Alan Thurston, Director, Centre for Effective Education, Queen's University Belfast
Councillor Peter Martin, Ards and North Down Borough Council
Gillian McGrath, Director of Education, CCMS
Hilary Cunningham, Headteacher, Fane Street Primary School, Belfast
Mary Nihill, National Director, Centre for School Leadership
Questions and comments from the floor with **John Unsworth**, Assistant Director of Education, Education Authority
- 10.45 - 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Chris Lyttle MLA, Vice-Chairperson, All Party Group on Children and Young People
- 10.50 - 11.20 Coffee
- 11.20 - 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Rosemary Barton MLA, Education Spokesperson, UUP
- 11.25 - 11.55 **Shaping and developing the curriculum and assessment models: supporting pupil development, assessing qualifications in the global context and meeting economic needs**
Justin Edwards, Chief Executive, CCEA
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 - 12.55 **Curriculum and assessment in NI: delivering a system fit for purpose for pupils, schools and employers**
Jo McColgan, Headteacher, Ashfield Boys High School, Belfast
Professor Brian Murphy, Director of Access, Digital and Distributed Learning, Ulster University
Roger Pollen, Head of External Affairs NI, Federation of Small Businesses
Mark Langhammer, Regional Secretary, NEU Northern Ireland
Senior representative, further education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Northern Ireland closing remarks**
Rosemary Barton MLA, Education Spokesperson, UUP
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland