

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

*Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 - 10.40 **Next steps in school improvement: effective inspection, 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  
Senior representative, teaching body  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 - 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Chris Lyttle MLA**, Vice-Chairperson, All Party Group on Children and Young People
- 10.45 - 11.15 Coffee
- 11.15 - 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Rosemary Barton MLA**, Education Spokesperson, UUP
- 11.20 - 11.50 **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
- 11.50 - 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  
Senior representative, business  
Senior representative, schools body  
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