

Policy Forum for Northern Ireland keynote seminar

Next steps for the education system in NI and priorities for the Independent Review of Education - education recovery in the context of the pandemic, the future shape and design of the school system, tackling inequality, funding, and governance

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 22nd March 2022

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly
- 9.05 **Towards a vision for the future of education in Northern Ireland - initial thinking from the Independent Review of Education**
Dr Keir Bloomer, Chair, Independent Review of Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Education recovery in the context of the pandemic - supporting students with lost learning, addressing mental health concerns, ensuring support for vulnerable children, and learning from best practice**
Scott Naismith, Executive Board Member, Governing Bodies Association; and, Principal, Methodist College, Belfast
Stephen Dallas, Chief Executive Officer, The Bytes Project
Emma Harrison, Lead, Nurture Unit, Abbots Cross Primary School, Newtonabbey
Professor Siobhan O'Neill, Mental Health Champion for Northern Ireland; and Professor of Mental Health Sciences, Ulster University
Senior representative, school
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly
- 10.25 Break
- 10.35 **Chair's opening remarks**
Pat Sheehan MLA, Committee Deputy Chair, Committee for Education, Northern Ireland Assembly
- 10.40 **Tackling inequality in the education system and priorities moving forward**
Michele Corkey, Director of Education, Education Authority
- 10.50 **The future shape and design of the school system - addressing socio-economic deprivation and inequality in education, improving outcomes across NI, and exploring options and issues for a single education system**
Barry Corr, Principal, Seaview Integrated Primary School, Glenarm
Gerry Campbell, Chief Executive, Council for Catholic Maintained Schools
Dr Andrew Brown, Vice-chair, Transferor Representatives' Council; and Chair of Broughshane Primary School Board of Governors, Ballymena
Dr Stephen Roulston, Course Director PGCE Geography, Ulster University
Senior speaker confirmed from **IM Post-Primary**
- 11.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 Break
- 11.40 **Learning from international models of education**
Amanda Watkins, Assistant Director, European Agency for Special Needs and Inclusive Education
- 11.50 **Support for schools - next steps for funding, school governance, teacher training and staff wellbeing, and individual priorities for primary and post-primary education**
Dr Patricia Eaton, Director of Teaching and Learning, Stranmillis University College
Dr Graham Gault, President, NAHT NI
Justin Conville, Principal, King's Park Primary School
Senior representative, grammar school
- 12.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Education and school standards in Northern Ireland - areas for improvement and learning from best practice**
Faustina Graham, Chief Inspector, Education Training Inspectorate (ETI)
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Northern Ireland closing remarks**
Pat Sheehan MLA, Committee Deputy Chair, Committee for Education, Northern Ireland Assembly
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland