

**Policy Forum for Northern Ireland keynote seminar:
Priorities and next steps for the education system in Northern Ireland**
Timing: Morning, Thursday, 8th February 2024
*****Taking place online*****



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Tiernan Phipps, Lead Researcher, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland
- 9.05 **Key findings from the Independent Review of Education in Northern Ireland and priorities for policy and implementing change going forward**
Dr Keir Bloomer, Chair, Independent Review of Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Realising the vision for education in NI - addressing educational inequalities, curriculum and assessment, facilitating a joined-up approach to education reform, and assessing the case for an integrated education system**
Dr Matthew O'Neill, Chair, Integrated AlumNI
Pauline Leeson, Chief Executive, Children in Northern Ireland
Emma Shaw, Executive Director, Phoenix Education Centre
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Assessing proposals for child development and early years education in Northern Ireland - service quality and provision, integration, and holistic support for child development**
Pauline Walmsley, Chief Executive Officer, Early Years
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **The role of inspection and scrutiny in improving school standards in Northern Ireland**
Faustina Graham, Chief Inspector, Education and Training Inspectorate
- 11.20 **Examining key enablers for success in developing a high-quality education system - options for curriculum reform, adopting innovation, student outcomes, and priorities for supporting the workforce and professional development**
Justin McCamphill, National Official for Northern Ireland, NASUWT; and President, Irish Congress of Trade Unions
Mary Montgomery, Principal, Belfast Boys' Model School
Mark Roberts, English Teacher and Director of Research, Carrickfergus Grammar School
Louise Warde Hunter, Principal and Chief Executive, Belfast Metropolitan College
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 **Policy priorities for education in Northern Ireland - considering the impact of the review's findings on system change**
Dr Mark Browne, Permanent Secretary, Department of Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Northern Ireland closing remarks**
Tiernan Phipps, Lead Researcher, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland