

## Policy Forum for Northern Ireland keynote seminar

### Next steps for SEN provision in Northern Ireland

Timing: Morning, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

\*\*\*Taking Place Online\*\*\*



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly
- 9.05 **The SEN landscape in Northern Ireland and priorities going forward**  
**Koulla Yiasouma**, NI Commissioner for Children and Young People  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Improving support and provision for children with SEN in Northern Ireland - funding, provision within the classroom, workforce priorities and improving key stakeholder coordination**  
**Dr Noel Purdy**, Director of Research and Scholarship; and Director of the Centre for Research in Educational Underachievement, Stranmillis University College  
**Dr Graham Gault**, President, National Association of Head Teachers Northern Ireland  
**Dr Mairead Tracey**, Teacher and SENCo, Broadbridge Primary School, Londonderry  
Senior speaker confirmed from **Mencap NI**  
Senior representative, post primary school  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **SEN frameworks and Area Planning moving forward**  
**Michele Corkey**, Director of Education, Education Authority  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Diane Dodds MLA**, former Minister for the Economy; and Member, Committee for Education, Northern Ireland Assembly
- 11.10 **Lessons from other jurisdictions**  
Senior representative, best practice  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Improving outcomes and future pathways for students with SEN**  
**Charlene Brooks**, Chief Executive, Parenting NI  
**James Curran**, Principal, Harberton Special School, Belfast  
Senior representative, HE  
Senior representative, FE  
Senior representative, employer  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 Break
- 12.25 **SEN provision in Northern Ireland post review - policy priorities moving forward**  
Senior representative, policy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Northern Ireland closing remarks**  
**Diane Dodds MLA**, former Minister for the Economy; and Member, Committee for Education, Northern Ireland Assembly  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland