

Policy Forum for Northern Ireland keynote seminar:

Priorities for SEN provision in NI

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 7th December 2023

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Nicola Brogan MLA
- 9.05 **The outlook for SEN provision - taking forward the findings of the independent review to drive meaningful change to service provision**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 Break
- 9.40 **Improving service provision for children with SEN - providing value for money within the system, early intervention, developing a child-centred approach, and learning from research to inform practice**
James Curran, Principal, Harberton Special School
Charlene Brooks, Chief Executive, Parenting NI
Dr Mairead Tracey, Teacher and SENCo, Broadbridge Primary School, Londonderry
Stephen McCartney, Head of Student Experience, Northern Regional College
- 10.05 **Moving toward an inclusive SEN education policy - learning from best practice in the development of services**
Amanda Hatton, Executive Director, Education and Children's Services, The City of Edinburgh Council
- 10.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Nicola Brogan MLA
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly
- 11.05 **Learning from SEN profiling and research to inform approaches to service delivery**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.25 **Workforce priorities - putting in place enablers for supporting SEN service development, addressing key shortages, strategies for CPD and improving training programmes, and next steps for developing SEN Support Hubs**
Graham Gault, Director, NAHT Northern Ireland
Orla Nig Fhearraigh, Acting Senior Education Officer, Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta
Tracy Rossborough, Teacher and SENCo, Ashfield Girls' High School, Belfast
Senior representative, training provider
Senior representative, Educational Psychology Service
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.15 Break
- 12.20 **Policy priorities and next steps post-review**
Janis Scallon, Director of Inclusion, Department of Education
Senior speaker confirmed from the **Education Authority**
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Northern Ireland closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly
Tiernan Phipps, Lead Researcher, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland