

Policy Forum for Northern Ireland Keynote Seminar

Education in Northern Ireland: next steps for the curriculum, assessment and improving standards

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 4th December 2018

Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel, The Gasworks, 3 Cromac Place, Ormeau Road, Belfast BT7 2JB



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Agenda subject to change

- 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 - 9.45 **Delivering effective school improvement**
John Unsworth, Assistant Director of Education, Education Authority
- 9.45 - 9.55 **'Identifying priorities for school improvement using the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study'**
David Thomas, TIMSS National Research Coordinator, NFER
- 9.55 - 10.45 **Next steps in school improvement: effective leadership, improving standards and raising attainment**
Professor Allen Thurston, Director, Centre for Evidence & Social Innovation, Queen's University Belfast
Councillor Peter Martin, Ards and North Down Borough Council
Hilary Cunningham, Headteacher, Fane Street Primary School, Belfast
Questions and comments from the floor with **John Unsworth**, Assistant Director of Education, Education Authority and **David Thomas**, TIMSS National Research Coordinator, NFER
- 10.45 - 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Chris Lyttle MLA, Vice-Chairperson, All Party Group on Children and Young People
- 10.50 - 11.20 Coffee
- 11.20 - 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Rosemary Barton MLA, Education Spokesperson, UUP
- 11.25 - 11.55 **'Curriculum and qualifications: meeting economic needs'**
Justin Edwards, Chief Executive, CCEA
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 - 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
Roger Pollen, Head of External Affairs NI, Federation of Small Businesses
Mark Langhammer, Regional Secretary, NEU Northern Ireland
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
Roger Greer, Associate Producer, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland