Westminster Education Forum policy conference: Next steps for initial teacher education in England

Timing: Morning, Friday, 25th April 2025

Taking Place Online

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8.30	Registration
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9.00 Chair's opening remarks

Senior Parliamentarian

9.05 Initial teacher education in England - the ECTE and ITTECF, implementation, and support for early career teachers

Senior commentator

Questions and comments from the floor

9.25 Preparing for implementation of the Initial Teacher Training and Early Career Framework

new curriculum content | subject specialisms | improving SEND support | mentor workload changes | feedback and progression under the new framework | evidence-informed approaches | options for future reform

Emma Hollis, CEO, National Association of School-Based Teacher Trainers

Senior representative, teaching union

Senior representative, HE Senior representative, FE Senior representative, SEND

Questions and comments from the floor

10.15 Priorities for accountability and inspections of ITE providers moving forward

Senior representative, regulation Questions and comments from the floor

10.35 Chair's closing remarks

Senior Parliamentarian

10.40 Break

10.50 Chair's opening remarks

Senior Parliamentarian

10.55 Early findings from the NPQ framework review

Reuben Moore, Executive Director, Programmes, National Institute of Teaching; and Member, NPQ Framework Review Expert Panel

11.05 Assessing options for better supporting professional development

course content and customisation | funding and accessibility for teachers | evidence-informed approach to the review | improving SEND teaching practices and content | new areas of focus such as mental health | leadership progression and operational leadership development | workload reductions

Penny Taylor, Head, Newark Campuses, Lincoln College

Senior representative, school Senior representative, research Senior representative, NPQ provider

11.25 Questions and comments from the floor

11.45 Strategies to improve recruitment and retention for early career teachers

assessing financial incentives | impact of the ITT market review | the impact of bursaries | financial support for trainee teachers | meeting government recruitment objectives | pastoral support

James Zuccollo, Director, School Workforce, Education Policy Institute

Senior representative, HE

Senior representative, teaching union

Senior representative, FE Senior representative, school

Questions and comments from the floor

12.30 Policy priorities for initial teacher education and workforce development moving forward

Caroline Jones, Assistant Director, School Workforce Strategy, Department for Education Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks

Senior Parliamentarian

Sean Cudmore, Westminster Education Forum