Westminster Education Forum policy conference: Next steps for teacher recruitment and retention in England

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 27th November 2024

Taking Place Online

Draft agenda subject to change

8.30 Registration

9.00 Chair's opening remarks

Senior Parliamentarian

9.05 Priorities for teacher recruitment and retention, and key policy considerations for the new Government

Jack Worth, Lead Economist and School Workforce Lead, National Foundation for Educational Research Questions and comments from the floor

9.25 Next steps for promoting teaching as a profession and improving retention

examining the effectiveness of financial incentives | best practice and implementation of fair working conditions | improving career progression pathways | the impact so far of the Every Lesson Shapes a Life campaign and options for its expansion | strategies for increasing recruitment in shortage subjects | improving workforce diversity and inclusivity

Kulvarn Atwal, Headteacher, Highlands Primary School, Essex

Dr Timo Hannay, Founder, SchoolDash

Darren Northcott, National Official, Education, NASUWT

Chris Shepherd, Strategic Lead, Recruitment and Retraining, Institute of Physics

Questions and comments from the floor

10.10 Latest thinking and best practice for support staff well-being and mental health

strategies for managing and reducing workloads | tackling fatigue and burnout | support for early career teachers | priorities for improving student behaviour | developing supportive organisational cultures | options for flexible working

Darren Morgan, Headteacher, Kings Road Primary School, Manchester

Sinéad McBrearty, CEO, Education Support

David Baker, PhD Research Student, Faculty of Education, University of Cambridge

Senior representative, ITT provider Questions and comments from the floor

10.55 Chair's closing remarks

Senior Parliamentarian

11.00 Break

11.10 Chair's opening remarks

Senior Parliamentarian

11.15 Next steps for professional development

improving access to support for early career teachers | the role of CPD and priorities for access and improving its impact | the future of National Professional Qualification funding | designing whole-school strategies for CPD and staff development

Gareth Conyard, CEO, Teacher Development Trust

Senior representative, school Senior representative, ITT provider Senior representative, teaching union Question and comments from the floor

12.00 Maintaining teaching standards and the impact of the accountability process on the teaching workforce

assessing reforms to Ofsted inspections | implications on staff of the proposed report card system for measuring school standards | teacher wellbeing during the inspection process

Senior representative, school Senior representative, union

Senior commentator

Questions and comments from the floor

12.30 Priorities for teacher recruitment - next steps for policy

Sue Lovelock, Director, Teacher Workforce, 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

