

Academies Conference 2021 Programme



Day One – Thursday 4th February 2021

Time	Session	Speaker/Info
12:35 PM	Log in for the main event	Welcome video
12:40 PM	Welcome and introduction	Chris Zarraga, Director, Schools North East and Graham Vials, Head of Education law at Ward Hadaway
12:55 PM	Keynote	Baroness Berridge, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the School System, DfE
1:15 PM	Keynote: Opportunity from Uncertainty	Lord Jim Knight, Chief Education Adviser at Tes Global Ltd
1:45 PM	Panel Discussion: 'Authentic Leadership'	CHAIR: Colin Lofthouse, CEO, SMART Academy Trust. Panellists: Leora Cruddas, Maura Regan, Mike Butler, Lord Jim Knight, Marc Jordan, Steve Taylor
2:35 PM	Comfort break – grab a cuppa, we'll see you in 5!	
2:40 PM - Session round 1 – Choose from one of the sessions below. Please allow 5 additional minutes for movement into breakout rooms.		
2:45 PM – ROOM 1 - Regional update from the RSC North Katherine Cowell, Regional Schools Commissioner for the North, Department for Education		
2:45 PM – ROOM 2 - Rapid Trust Expansion: A CEO and Head Teacher view Maura Regan, Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust and Paula Strachan, St Teresa's Catholic Primary School		
2:45 PM – ROOM 3 - Ensuring Compliance & Delivering Savings Louise Levy and Julie Collins, The Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust		
3:20 PM	Keynote: Adventures into learning	Hywel Roberts, Travelling Teacher, Writer, Humourist, Speaker & Storyteller
4:00 PM	CLOSE	

Day Two – Friday 5th February 2021

Time	Session	Speaker/Info
9:55 AM	Log in for the main event	Welcome video
10:00 AM	Welcome back	Chris Zarraga, Director, Schools North East
10:05 AM	Keynote	Dominic Herrington, National Schools Commissioner, Department for Education
10:35 AM - Sessions - Choose from one of the sessions below. Please allow 5 additional minutes for movement into breakout rooms.		
10:40 AM – ROOM 1 - 2021: An evolution of school leadership development Tom Rees, Executive Director for School Leadership at Ambition Institute		
10:40 AM – ROOM 2 - CEO collaboration: shaping the future of education Marc Jordan, CEO, Creative Education Trust and Steve Taylor, CEO of Cabot Learning Federation		
10:40 AM – ROOM 3 – Working effectively with Trade Unions Graham Vials, Head of Education Law at Ward Hadaway		
11:15 AM	Comfort break – grab a cuppa, we'll see you in 5!	
11:20 AM	Keynote: Remote learning, curriculum and EIF	Lee Owston, Programme Director, Schools Inspection and Improvement, Ofsted
12:00 PM	Keynote	Leora Cruddas, CEO, Confederation of Schools Trust & Henri Murison, Director, The Northern Powerhouse Partnership
12:30 PM	Closing Message	Chris Zarraga, Director, Schools North East