

Summit 2020 - Session Outlines



Educating with Purpose: What Should Follow the Great Pause?

Stephen Tierney, Chair of Headteachers' Roundtable

Focusing on the reform strand of the conference, Stephen will consider the implications for the school system in the years ahead. This will include the need for changes to the accountability system, a re-balancing of the curriculum and schools serving as key social centres, within their local communities, and how we must see a prioritising of children, families and young people, from our most disadvantaged communities, as well as a championing of the schools that serve them.

Evidence for equity: challenging the gap during the ongoing pandemic

Becky Francis, Chief Executive Officer of the Education Endowment Foundation

The long standing socio-economic gap for educational attainment is anticipated to have widened significantly during the COVID-19 pandemic. Research-led approaches to support pupils' learning and wellbeing are more urgent than ever. Professor Francis will outline key issues at stake, and introduce EEF's work through the COVID crisis, identifying those approaches evidenced as productive for supporting pupils and challenging the gap.

What Now? What Next?: How schools bounce back

Laura McInerney, Education Journalist and Co-founded of Teacher Tapp

Using data from the daily Teacher Tapp surveys of over 8,000 teachers, Laura will reveal what has really happened in schools during the pandemic, revealing the challenges as they have been and the challenges to come. But it won't be all doom and gloom as Laura will reveal how leaders rebuilt schools after the first and second world wars. Difficult times have been overcome before, and they will again!

Recovering our confidence as a profession

Paul Whiteman, General Secretary, NAHT

Paul Whiteman will talk about how school leaders have kept it going in the face of Government incompetence and proved they know best about education. The future should belong to the profession, not politicians.

Oak National Academy - what went well and what we have learned

Matt Hood, Principal, Oak National Academy

The Oak National Academy went from nothing to a national institution in just a few months. Principal Matt Hood will share their "what-went-wells" (WWWs) drawing on conversations with over 2,000 teachers and parents, and digging into some of the data behind the platform. Matt will also discuss the things they didn't know would happen and how this can support your school recovery and future planning.

PANEL DEBATE: - Education Policy

Chair: Laura McInerney, Education Journalist and Co-Founder, Teacher Tapp

Panellists: John Hardy, Headteacher at St John Vianney RC Primary School; Maura Regan, CEO of Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust; Christina Jones, CEO of River Tees Multi Academy Trust; and Stephen Tierney, Chair of Headteachers' Roundtable.

Join us for an interesting panel debate around education policy. Focusing on what's happened, what school leaders think will happen and what they are hoping for going forward.

