



# NNoSS Conference 2025

**National Network of Special Schools**  
for School Business Professionals

**THURSDAY**  
**8 MAY**  
**BIRMINGHAM**

08:00 - 09:00	ARRIVAL & REFRESHMENTS	
09:00 - 09:20	<b>Welcome</b> Pauline Aitchison, NNoSS Network Lead & Sue Prickett, Head of Leadership Advisory Services, Edwin People	
09:20 - 09:50	<b>Ofsted and the Specialist Sector</b> Adam Sproston, Senior His Majesty's Inspector, SEND and AP, Inclusive Education Team, Ofsted	
09:50 - 10:50	<b>Insights Discovery: Communication Strategies for Success</b> Claire Knowles, Director, Karen Knowles Training and Development LTD	
10:50 - 11:30	REFRESHMENT BREAK	
11:30 - 12:10	SESSION ROUND ONE	
	<i>Sponsors lounge: Sponsored by The Edwin Group</i>	<i>Boardroom 1: Sponsored by No Isolation</i>
	<b>How Can You Make AI Work for You?</b> Andrea Howard, Matthew Smith, Tarina Chow & Sue Prickett	<b>Menopause in the Workplace</b> Julie Liddell, Managing Director, Still Human
12:15 - 12:55	SESSION ROUND TWO	
	<i>Sponsors lounge: Sponsored by The Edwin Group</i>	<i>Boardroom 1: Sponsored by No Isolation</i>
	<b>High-Impact Climate Action Plan</b> Alex Seal & Jo Pettifer, Let's Go Zero	<b>Managing Risk in Specialist Schools</b> Mick Little, Chief Operating Officer, Ascent Academies' Trust
12:55 - 13:55	LUNCH & REFRESHMENTS	
13:55 - 14:50	<b>Planning for the Future: Funding for Special Schools and Alternative Provision in the New Era</b> Dr Peter Gray, Policy Consultant, SEN Policy Research Forum	
14:50 - 15:50	<b>Fearlessly and Intentionally Courageous</b> Diana Osagie, Author, Courageous Leadership	
15:50 - 16:30	CLOSE & NETWORKING	

EXHIBITION

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