

Academies Conference 2025 LEAD, not PLEAD



08:00 - 08:45	ARRIVAL / EXHIBITION				
08:45 - 09:00	Welcome: Chris Zarraga, Director, Schools North East & Graham Vials, Head of Education Law, Ward Hadaway				
09:00 - 09:30	Putting Social Mobility at the Heart of Education Justine Greening, former Secretary of State for Education and Chair & Founder, The Purpose Coalition				
09:30 - 10:10	Delivering the Opportunity Mission in the North East Katherine Cowell, Regional Schools Director & Paul Green, NE Head of Delivery, Department for Education				
10:15 - 10:45	Classics Suite		Grandstand Suite		
	Ofsted Reform: Leading the Charge for Meaningful Change Paul Whiteman, General Secretary, NAHT		5 Principles for Inclusion - Towards a More Inclusive School System Tom Rees, CEO, Ormiston Academies Trust		
10:45 - 11:25	REFRESHMENT BREAK / EXHIBITION				
11:25 - 12:05	New Domains of Educational Leadership: Embracing a "Lead, not Plead" Mindset Leora Cruddas, CEO, Confederation of School Trusts				
	SESSION ROUND ONE				
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12:10 - 12:50	Why Creating a Flexible Working Environment is an Opportunity and not a Threat Kath Hull, CFOO, Lingfield Education Trust	Practical Solutions to Implementing a Whole Trust Strategic Planning Framework Glenn Sanderson, CSO, BCCET & Sarah Burns, Director, Data2Action		Leading with Purpose Jill Berry, Leadership Development Consultant, Author, Education Commentator and former Head Teacher	
12:50 - 13:50	LUNCH / EXHIBITION				
13:50 - 14:30	How to Be Brilliant Michael Heppell, Best Selling Author, Speaker and Coach				
14:35 - 15:15	SESSION ROUND TWO				
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	Changes in Public Procurement: What Does it Mean for Your Trust? Tim Care, Partner, Ward Hadaway	Strategic Growth: Navigating Success Without Setbacks Nick Blackburn, CEO, Lingfield Education Trust		Great Schools are Necessary but no Longer Sufficient Phil Latham, CEO, Endeavor Academies Trust	
	SESSION ROUND THREE				
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15:20 - 16:00	MAT Finance Sector Insight Report 2024 Warren Porter, Head of Education Strategy, IMP Software	Al in Education: Strategic Opportunities, Ethical Challenges and Practical Tools for School Leaders Dr Kimberley Hardcastle, Assistant Professor Northumbria University		Estates: A Solid Strategy is the Key to Success Tracey Field, Director of Strategy and Projects, James Carson Construction Group	
16:00		CLOSE			







