# Narrowing the Achievement Gap:

# **Good Practice in Schools**

NATIONAL CONFERENCE - Thursday 18th June 2015 (9.00am-3.30pm)

Jeffery Hall, Institute of Education, University of London, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AL

# 1. CONFERENCE AIMS

The aim of this conference is to look at the barriers to learning and school strategies to narrow the achievement gap of disadvantaged pupils in schools. Specific objectives are:

- To identify the reasons and factors for underachievement
- To examine how disadvantaged pupils are helped to achieve high standards in schools
- To share good practice and strategies to raise achievement and narrow the gap

Narrowing the gap between the achievement of disadvantaged pupils who are entitled to free school meals and their peers is the biggest challenge faced by policy makers, teachers and school leaders in England. However, recent research in Ofsted, DfE, Lambeth LA and the Sutton Trust reveals how the pupil premium is helping to close the gap through targeted support and interventions in schools. The conference is a unique opportunity to share the findings of the research reports and to learn what has proven to work from the experiences of classroom practitioners and successful schools.

# 2. SPEAKERS

- Educational inequality in England's schools
   Professor Steve Strand, University of Oxford
- Using pupil premium to narrow the achievement gap: policy and practice Nicola Edwards, Pupil Premium Team, DfE
- Tackling disadvantage: Lessons from Ofsted inspections and research
  John Kennedy, Senior HMI, Ofsted
- Raising the achievement of White Working Class pupils
   Jeremy Rowe, Headteacher, Sir John Leman High School, Suffolk LA

## **HEADTEACHERS PANEL:** Good practice to raise achievement & narrow the gap of disadvantaged pupils

- Edison David, Headteacher, Vauxhall Primary School, Lambeth LA
- John Conway, Headteacher, La Retraite RC School, Lambeth LA
- Jayne Mitchell, Headteacher, St Andrew's CE School, Lambeth LA

# PRACTITIONERS PANEL: What works in removing barriers to achievement of groups of pupils?

- Raising the achievement of EAL Pupils
   Steve Cooke, Achievement Consultant, Nottingham City Council and NALDIC
- Closing the achievement gap: Lessons from Lambeth research
   Feyisa Demie, Head of Research and Adviser for School Self-Evaluation, Lambeth LA
- Effective use of the pupil premium to raise achievement: Lessons from Education
   Endowment Foundation research and the toolkit
   Robbie Coleman, Research and Communications Manager, Education
   Endowment Foundation (EEF)

# PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

# 08.30 Registration and Coffee

# 09.30 Welcome and opening remarks

Cathy Twist, Director, Education, Learning and Skills, Lambeth LA

# **09.40 Educational inequality in England's schools**Professor Steve Strand, University of Oxford

10.05 Using pupil premium to narrow the achievement gap

Nicola Edwards, Pupil Premium Team, DfE

# 10.30 Tackling disadvantage: Lessons from Ofsted inspections and research John Kennedy, Senior HMI, Ofsted

### 10.50 Tea and Coffee

11.20 Good practice to raise achievement and narrow the gap of disadvantaged pupils.

Headteacher's Panel Session including Q&A

# 12.30 Raising the achievement of White Working Class pupils

Jeremy Rowe, Headteacher, Sir John Leman High School, Suffolk LA

### 13.00 Lunch

13:50 What works in removing barriers to achievement of groups of pupils?

**Practitioner's Panel Session including Q&A** 

13.55 Raising the achievement of EAL pupils

14.15 Effective use of pupil premium to raise achievement: Lessons from Education Endowment Foundation research and the toolkit

14.35 Panel Q&A

15.05 Closing Remarks: Lessons from Lambeth research to narrow the gap

15.30 Close

# 3. WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Headteachers
- Deputy Headteachers
- Assistant Headteachers
- Teachers
- Governors
- EAL Teachers
- Inclusion Managers
- Heads of School Improvement
- School Improvement Advisers
- Local Authority Officers
- SENCOs
- Pupil Premium Coordinators
- National Policymakers

# 4. CONFERENCE CHAIRS

The conference will be chaired by Cathy Twist, Director, Education, Learning and Skills, Lambeth LA and Paul Robinson, Headteacher, Woodmansterne School, Lambeth LA

## 5. RESEARCH REPORTS

Delegates will be provided with complementary copies of good practice research reports into what works in narrowing the achievement gap in schools.

# 6. HOW DO I APPLY?

Please complete the booking form at the end of this flyer and return by post, fax or e-mail to the details indicated on the form.

# 7. FURTHER INFORMATION

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# NARROWING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP: **GOOD PRACTICE IN SCHOOLS**

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# **ACHIEVEMENT GAP CONFERENCE** NARROWING THE

Delegate Details	
Name:	
Position:	
☐ Headteacher/Principal	☐ Teacher
☐ Deputy Headteacher/Principal	□ EAL/EMA Coordinator
☐ Assistant Headteacher/Principal	☐ Head of School Improvement
☐ School Governor	☐ Education Adviser
☐ Other (Specify):	
School or LA Name:	
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Price information:	

- 1. The cost is £200 per delegate. Bookings of 2 or more will entitle delegates to a 10% discount.
- 2. Payment terms are 30 days and payment must be received before the conference date. We will issue an invoice upon receipt of your booking.
- 3. Payment details and advice will be included with the invoice.

## Substitution, cancellations and refund policy

- Substitutions welcome at any time.
- Written cancellations made four weeks before the conference date will be subject to a full refund
- Cancellations made less than 4 weeks before the conference date cannot be refunded.
- The organiser reserves the right to cancel the conference due to unforeseen circumstances.