

RAISING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF SOMALI PUPILS:

Good Practice in London Schools Conference



THURSDAY 12 JUNE 2008 | FRIENDS HOUSE, 173-177 EUSTON ROAD, LONDON, NW1 2BJ.

1. CONFERENCE AIMS

The aim of this conference is to look at successes in raising the achievement of Somali pupils in London schools. **Specific objectives are:**

- To examine the attainment of Somali heritage pupils in London schools
- To examine how Somali pupils are helped to achieve high standards in London schools
- To share good practice and strategies to raise the achievement of Somali pupils
- To identify needs of the Somali community

The conference is a good opportunity to share strategies to raise achievement and develop links between Somali communities and schools.



2. BACKGROUND TO THE CONFERENCE

New research from London schools to be launched at the conference highlights good practice in raising the achievement of Somali pupils in schools. The research “Raising the Achievement of Somali Pupils: Good Practice in London Schools” draws on detailed statistical analysis as well as evidence from parent and community focus groups and school case study visits which explore the views of headteachers, staff, governors, Somali parents and pupils.

The main findings from the London research shows that Somali pupils who attend the case study schools are performing well, suggesting that with commitment similar results could be achieved elsewhere. The study also identifies good practice in successful schools. This will be shared and discussed in detail at the conference by case study schools teachers, headteachers, pupils and parents.

The conference will be chaired by Anita Wright, Headteacher of Woodmansterne Primary School, Lambeth.

Key speakers include:

- Derrick Anderson, Chief Executive of Lambeth Council
- Sharon Shoesmith, Director of Children and Young People’s Service, Haringey
- Chris Flathers (Headteacher) and Somali pupils from The Orion Primary School, Barnet
- Somali pupils and staff from Little Ilford Secondary School, Newham
- Julie Roberts (Headteacher), Richard Atkins Primary School, Lambeth
- Somali parents and community representatives

There will also be good practice workshops in “Raising the Achievement of Somali Pupils” from:

1. Hampstead Secondary School, Camden
2. Richard Atkins Primary School, Lambeth
3. London Borough of Wandsworth
4. London Borough of Tower Hamlets
5. London Borough of Ealing

3. WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Headteachers
- Deputy headteachers
- Teachers
- Somali community and stakeholders
- School improvement advisors and consultants
- National and LA policy makers

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9.00 Registration and Coffee

9.25 Welcome

Anita Wright, Headteacher of Woodmansterne Primary School, Lambeth

9:30 Keynote Speech

Derrick Anderson, Chief Executive of Lambeth Council

9.50 Raising Achievement in Schools: Challenges for Schools, LAs and the Local Community

Sharon Shoesmith, Director of Children and Young People's Service, Haringey

10.20 Good Practice in Raising Achievement of Somali Pupils in London Schools: Research Evidence.

Feyisa Demie, Christabel McLean and Kirstin Lewis, Lambeth

10.50 Coffee

11.15 Support for Somali Pupils: Good Practice in The Orion School

Chris Flathers (Headteacher), Rachel Shear (Deputy Headteacher) and pupils from The Orion Primary School, Barnet

11.50 Educating Somali Students: Youth Experience

Somali pupils' presentation session, Little Ilford Secondary School, Newham.

PANEL MEMBERS: Students: Ilham Noor, Guled Ahmed, Bakall Omar Ahmed Yusuf, Ahmed Salah. TEACHERS: Katy Episcopo (Deputy Head), Sophie Hardimann (EMA Co-ordinator), Jawahir Mohamed Hassan (Somali Family Learning Co-ordinator).

1.00 Lunch

1.45 Good Practice Breakout Sessions

1. Good practice in Hampstead Secondary School, Camden.
2. Good practice in Richard Atkins Primary School, Lambeth.
3. Working with Somali Parents and Community, Wandsworth.
4. When you lived in Somalia, Tower Hamlets.
5. Somali Supplementary School, Ealing.

2.45 Educating Somali Pupils: Parents and Community Responses

Asha-Kin Duale, Voluntary Action Camden and formerly Chair of Governor of South Camden Community school.

3.15 Panel Discussion and Ways Forward

3.30 Close

CONFERENCE. RAISING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF SOMALI PUPILS: GOOD PRACTICE IN LONDON SCHOOLS.

Name:

Position: ☐ Headteacher ☐ Deputy Headteacher ☐ Teacher ☐ Somali Community member Other (specify)

School or LA Name:

Contact Address:

Telephone: **Email:**

BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

Please indicate two preferences (1 and 2). If any sessions are oversubscribed, places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

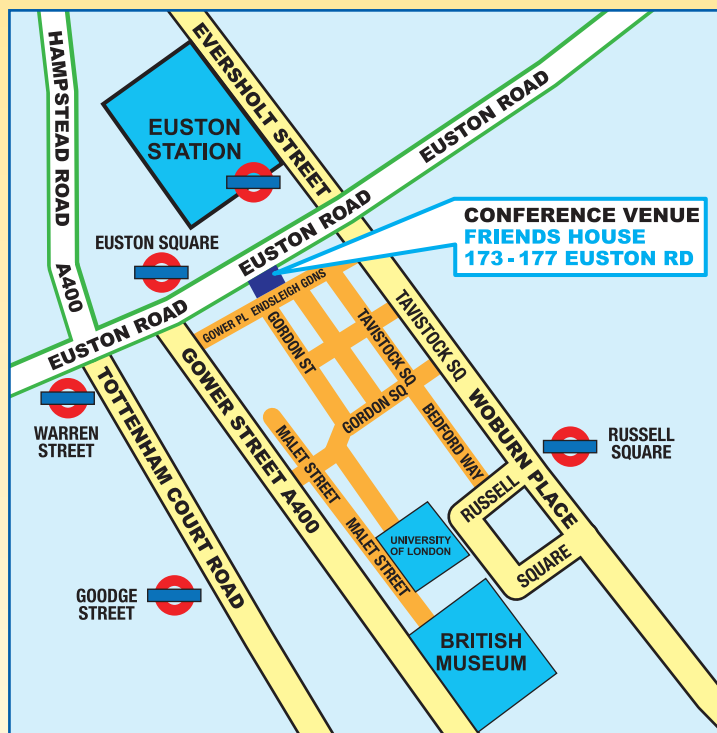
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5. CONFERENCE VENUE

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There is no cost for Somali Community representatives or Schools / Council Officers of LAs taking part in the 'Raising Achievement of Somali Pupils in London Schools Project'. Others are charged at £100 per delegate.

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