

# Annual \_\_\_\_\_ CONFERENCE

Leading in Austerity | Succeeding in Adversity **2018**

**Belton Woods Hotel, Grantham, NG32 2LN**

**22 February 2018 — 09.30 to 16.00**

**Conference Chair:** Anthony Partington  
*Chair of LLP Board  
Principal, Stamford Welland Academy*

## Thursday, 22 February 2018

Time	Item	Presentation
08.00-09.00	<b>Registration</b>	
09.00-09.30	<b>Performance by the Boston Youth Jazz Orchestra</b>	
09.30-09.40	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p>Reflection on the previous twelve months and the LLP's achievements, including the launch of the second phase of Mobilise, support for governor intervention and training, new mid-year transfer policies, the Caring2Learn initiative, and continued high engagement with peer to peer reviews.</p>	<p><b>Anthony Partington, Chair of the Lincolnshire Learning Partnership</b></p> <p>Anthony Partington is an Executive Principal of the Cambridge Meridian Academies Trust. The role covers responsibility for Stamford Welland Academy and leading the trust's Institute of Education, which co-ordinates quality assurance and initial, professional and leadership development across schools in Lincolnshire, Peterborough and Cambridgeshire. He is a Specialist Leader of Education for the Cambridge Teaching School Network and an author for the Cambridge University Press School Shakespeare series.</p>

## Thursday, 22 February 2018 (continued)

Time	Item	Presentation
09.40-10.40	<p><b>Leadership for a Changing World</b></p> <p>Schools must be ahead of change. Yet our system is struggling to come to terms with some very complex challenges, not least the challenge to recruit people and find the resources to deliver the standard of education our children and young people need. The world is changing, and the impact of technology, changes in the economy, and a rapidly evolving society, mean that education needs to adapt – quickly.</p> <p>Michael Pain will consider some of the key challenges and opportunities faced by today's children and young people, what we know about the world they will soon walk into, and what the implications are for society, the education system, and for school leaders.</p>	<p><b>Michael Pain</b>, Director and Founder, Forum Education</p> <p>Michael Pain's work includes the establishment of a national new headteachers' conference and four regional multi-academy trust CEO networks. He was formerly Head of Policy and Public Affairs at the National College for School Leadership and now advises schools and school leaders across the country.</p>
10.40-11.30	<b>Morning Break</b>	
11.30-12.15	<p><b>Working Together to Deliver a Resilient and Self-Improving School System</b></p> <p>The vision for East Midlands and the Humber is to create more good and outstanding places for all young people to enable them to secure the best outcomes, regardless of their background or where they live. This presents clear challenges to system leaders in understanding the improvement priorities for their schools and developing the capacity to raise standards and outcomes.</p> <p>The aim of this presentation is to share both policy and operational insights into how multi-academy trusts can secure sustainable improvement within the context of the challenges and opportunities in Lincolnshire.</p>	<p><b>Alison Biddulph</b>, Assistant Director, East Midlands and Humber, Academies Regional Delivery Group</p> <p>Alison Biddulph currently works with the Regional Schools Commissioner for East Midlands as part of his senior team to support the development of strong, sustainable academy trusts that raise standards and attainments, helping young people to maximise their potential.</p>
12.15-13.00	<b>Panel Discussion and Q&amp;A</b>	<p><b>Alison Biddulph</b>  <b>Michael Pain</b>  <b>Sean Harford</b>  <b>Val Andrew</b></p>
13.00-14.00	<b>Lunch</b>	

## Thursday, 22 February 2018 (continued)

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14.00-14.45	<p><b>Ofsted Update Including Curriculum</b></p> <p>Sean Harford will review the new work around the curriculum and provide an overview of updates.</p>	<p><b>Sean Harford</b>, National Director, Education, Ofsted</p> <p>Sean Harford became National Director, Education in September 2015. Sean was appointed Her Majesty's Inspector in 2003. Since joining Ofsted, he has worked in school improvement, school inspection policy and organisational restructuring. His previous post in Ofsted was National Director, Schools. Before joining Ofsted, Sean was a teacher and a successful senior leader in a secondary school in the East of England, as well as associate adviser for a local authority.</p>
14.45-15.15	<b>Afternoon Break</b>	
15.15-16.00	<p><b>Building Financial Resilience in a Brave New World</b></p> <p>Confidence in financial management is essential at a time when education budgets continue to come under significant pressure. This session will examine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The implications of implementing NFF and what that looks like;</li> <li>• Strategies for effective strategic financial planning and greater efficiency;</li> <li>• The necessity of risk assessment in a strategic financial management process.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Val Andrew</b>, ASCL Business Leadership Specialist</p> <p>Val has been ASCL's Business Leadership Specialist since 2010. Her role involves providing support for the association's growing membership of school business leaders, school business managers, and other non-pedagogical school leaders, raising awareness of the issues and challenges they face at national and regional level, and ensuring that these roles continue to be recognised as integral and pivotal within the context of educational leadership.</p>
16.00	<b>Close of Day 1</b>	
19.00-20.30	<b>Dinner</b>	
20.30-21.15	<b>Performance by Jonathan Lear of Guerrilla Education</b>	

## Exhibitors present on 22 February 2018

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ASCL	The Association of School and College Leaders is a leading professional body representing more than 18,000 school, college and system leaders across the UK.
ESPO	ESPO is a public-sector-owned professional buying organisation offering a 27,000-item product catalogue, over 150 frameworks, bespoke procurement contracts, and free advice from in-house procurement experts.
Lincolnshire County Council Food Education Team	Food Education Services – improving children’s health and wellbeing, behaviour, concentration and learning outcomes by promoting a whole-school approach to healthy eating and food education.
Inspire+	Working Together for Young People: Inspire+ is a sports charity that works with both primary and secondary schools to provide high quality PE & sports.
Matthew Radley & Associates	Matthew Radley & Associates use their expertise in Professional Coaching to partner you in delivering outstanding cultural and organisational results through your people.
Pentagon Play	Pentagon Play has created inspiring school playgrounds since 1998 and transformed over 7,000 outdoor areas, all designed by experts with 20 years’ experience.
SDSA	The School Development Support Agency is a highly effective organisation with a project-managing core team and a flexible group of high quality associate consultants which delivers support services to schools and local authorities.
Streets Chartered Accountants	Streets are a Top 40 UK Chartered Accountancy firm, looking after businesses, corporate clients, third sector organisations, charities and private individuals.

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## Day 2: Friday, 23 February 2018

Time	Item	Presentation
08.30-09.10	<b>Registration</b>	
09.10-09.30	<b>Performance by The National School Choir</b>	
09.30-09.35	<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Anthony Partington</b> , Chair of the Lincolnshire Learning Partnership
09.35-10.10	<p><b>Lincolnshire's Success Story of Sector-Led School Improvement</b></p> <p>As the education sector continues to evolve, significant changes to the way in which school improvement happens have become evident across the country. Lincolnshire's sector-led school improvement model is maturing in response to these challenges. School and systems leaders across Lincolnshire have demonstrated their commitment to creating an effective education system which allows our pupils to thrive. Debbie Barnes will outline our successes and the challenges for meeting the future needs of our children and young people.</p>	<p><b>Debbie Barnes</b>, Director of Children's Services, Lincolnshire County Council</p> <p>Debbie Barnes provides strong, strategic local leadership of an increasingly autonomous and diverse education and children's services sector. As the Statutory Officer for Safeguarding Children, Debbie is responsible for improving outcomes for children and young people, for children's social care functions, and for ensuring that all partner agencies cooperate to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. Debbie is a qualified Children's Nurse, and her career has included working across the health, care and education sectors.</p>
10.10-11.10	<p><b>The Magic Weaving Business – Teaching in the 21st Century</b></p> <p>Research suggests that eighty percent of the jobs primary school children will perform have not yet been invented, so we are preparing our young people for a world that does not exist. To thrive in this world we will all need creativity, ingenuity, portability, and flexibility. The best way to develop such abilities in our children is to surround them with teachers of great imagination who are passionately committed to the relentless pursuit of excellence. <i>The good news is: teachers will make a difference; the bad news is: teachers will make a difference.</i></p>	<p><b>Sir John Jones</b>, Motivational Speaker</p> <p>Sir John is one of a small, select band of educational professionals who have not only had their achievements recognised in the New Year's Honours List (2003), but have been able to help and inspire others with their knowledge and passion. As a secondary school headteacher, he was asked to join the government's Policy Action Team for Neighbourhood Renewal at the Social Exclusion Unit. He was also a member of the Headteachers' National Focus Group on Truancy and Exclusion and the Excellence in Cities Project at the DfES. Sir John was part of the National Remodelling Team and the Leadership and Development Unit sponsored by the National College for School Leadership.</p>

## Day 2: Friday, 23 February 2018 (continued)

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11.10-11.40	<b>Morning Break</b>	
11.40-12.10	<b>Q&amp;A Session: The Magic Weaving Business</b>	<b>Sir John Jones</b> , Motivational Speaker
12.10-12.30	<p><b>Balancing Needs, Compliance and the Books</b></p> <p>Robert Anderson will review the changing environment for those charged with the financial management and governance of an educational setting, with a particular focus on how to reconcile the challenges of balancing needs, compliance and the books.</p>	<b>Robert Anderson</b> , Streets Chartered Accountants
12.30-13.30	<b>Lunch</b>	
13.30-14.30	<p><b>Aim High</b></p> <p>In a career spanning five Paralympic Games, Tanni Grey-Thompson is one of Britain's most successful athletes. She will discuss the challenges she faced as a young girl and her determination to break through the barriers and low expectations that society had for her. She also discusses the reality of life as an elite athlete and the relentlessness of hard work in order to achieve your goals. She will discuss what personal success really means, whether it be winning medals, breaking world records, or getting your children to school on time! She will also reflect on her transition through various stages of her career; from sport, to politics as an Independent Crossbench Peer, and as a campaigner for improved access to physical activity, trying to mobilise the most physically inactive generation of young people we have ever seen.</p>	<p><b>Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson DBE</b>, Crossbench Peer for Sport, Welfare Reform and Legal Aid</p> <p>In 2010, Tanni Grey-Thompson was elevated to the House of Lords as a Crossbench Peer, and works in the areas of Sport, Welfare Reform, and Legal Aid. She is a Board Member of Transport for London, President of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations, and Chair of their Leadership 20:20 Commission. She is also a Board Member of the London Marathon and sits on the Board of the London Legacy Development Corporation. She has worked with UK Sport as a Board Member and Vice Chair of the Lottery Panel. From 2007-2012, she was a Board Member of UK Athletics. During her Paralympic career, she won a total of 16 Paralympic medals and 14 World Championship medals.</p>
14.30	<b>Close of Day 2 and Close of Conference</b>	

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