

Leadership Conference

Exploring Inclusion and Social Justice



Schedule of the day

Friday 24th March
8.30am - 3pm

The Halliwell Jones Stadium
- The Platinum Lounge



'Equality of opportunity is the essence of social justice' - Tony Honore

SCHEDULE OF THE DAY

8:30 - 9.00 **Arrival, drinks and networking**

9:00 - 9:15 **Introduction**
Andy Moorcroft

SOCIAL JUSTICE

9:20 - 9:50 **Social Justice in Education: Are We Listening?**
How far do we authentically connect our people and communities to our leadership practice?
Ruth Slater

9:55 - 10:25 **Raising aspirations to create a better community for all**
Krish Patel

10:25 - 10:35 *Break*

10:40 - 11:10 **When Opportunity Knocks**
Ben Dunne

11:15 - 11:45 **Charities creating fairer futures for young people in Warrington**
Zoe Sheppard

11:50 - 12:15 **DfE: SEND & Alternative Provision Improvement Plan**
Vicky Briggs

12:15-13:00 *Lunch*

INCLUSION

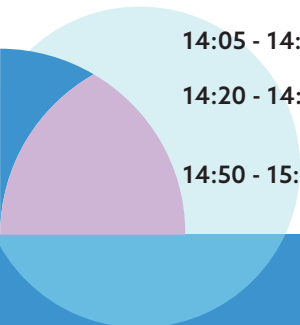
13:00-13:30 **It's All About Relationships: Differentiation for the SEHM Population**
Dr Zoe Owens

13:35 - 14:05 **What does an evidence-informed SEND provision look like?**
Gary Aubin

14:05 - 14:15 *Break*

14:20 - 14:50 **Diversity in Sport**
Lee Mitchell

14:50 - 15:00 **Reflections and Raffle (Sponsored by HAYS)**



BIO DETAILS

Ruth Slater

Educational Leadership: LJMU

Ruth Slater is Head of Centre of Educational Leadership and part of the senior management team in the School of Education. She is an experienced executive educator, coach and leader having held senior leadership positions in both education and medical education.

She holds a Master's in Advanced Educational Practice, is a qualified MBTI Practitioner and has designed and led national mentor training programs for private and public sector clients across the UK. Her approach to post graduate education and leadership learning focuses on how to best apply current theories into daily practice that enable positive working environments for the wider workforce and to ultimately improve outcomes.

Her current research interests and doctoral study draw upon the importance of peer coaching to support under-represented groups within the public sector as well as studying the components of ethical leadership and developing psychological safety across the workforce to ensure safer working practices and positive outcomes for all groups. Ruth is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.



Krish Patel

Founder, Tales to Inspire

Krish is the founder of the social enterprise Tales to Inspire, a non-profit organisation that shares people's stories across the world to encourage people to never give up. Since its founding in late 2019, Tales to Inspire has grown to now be able to deliver workshops for children in schools and inspirational sessions within the workplace. The stories shared by Tales to Inspire have been read across 107 countries around the globe and listened to in 94 Countries. Krish's passion for social justice has been demonstrated through his charitable work, such as his projects of building a schoolhouse in Uganda and Supporting homeless people in Manchester, to go from the streets into employment are aligned with his aim of making a positive difference in this world.



Ben Dunne

CEO, The River Reeves Foundation

An ex-secondary headteacher, Ben works with local authorities to support leaders to bring about transformational change through stronger partnership working within a system-led, school-to-school model. Ben is also founder and CEO of the River Reeves Foundation (RRF), a charity set up by Ben and his wife Sharon, when Ben lost his son and Sharon's stepson, River Reeves. River was tragically killed in an accident in Sweden in 2016 along with his Viola Beach bandmates and manager.

The Foundation provides bursaries to disadvantaged young people who need support to develop their artistic talents and achieve big goals within the performing and visual arts. The annual 'RivFest' Weekender music festival and the charity's Vintage Viola pre-loved store both raise vital funds for the Foundation. Ben also set up Warrington Youth Rowing (WYR) in 2016, to open the sport of rowing to disadvantaged pupils across the region.



Zoe Sheppard

Chief Executive of The Cheshire Community Foundation

Zoe was originally introduced to Cheshire Community Foundation in 2012 when her family were looking for a strategic way of supporting the local community.

Cheshire Community Foundation supports businesses, individuals and families who want to give back and feel proud that they've made a real difference. Zoe joined the Foundation in 2015, having previously run a marketing consultancy, and is now responsible for the strategic direction and growth of the Foundation.



Dr Zoe Owens

Managing Director of 'EdPsychology Solutions'

Zoe is an Educational Psychologist and is the Managing Director of 'edPsychology Solutions'. Zoe has worked across the Lancashire area delivering Educational Psychology services from 2010 both with the local authority and the private sector. Zoe has over 20 years' experience of working children, young people, families, and schools, having previously worked in Children's Residential Services, Alternative Education Provision, the Youth Justice System and Education Welfare. Zoe has interests in children's social, emotional, and communication development and preventing school exclusion. Zoe is passionate about developing capacity within schools' systems to promote optimal outcomes for children, families and the professionals who support them.



Gary Aubin

Author of The Lone SENDCO and Associate for SEND for the Education Endowment Foundation

Gary Aubin is the author of The Lone SENDCO, a handbook of 300 questions and answers for busy SENDCOs. Gary works as the Education Endowment Foundation's Associate for SEND, having been their SEND Content Specialist. In this role, he has spoken to hundreds of school leaders about the evidence base behind high-quality teaching for SEND. Alongside this, he leads on SEND provision for a Multi Academy Trust of 10 primary and secondary schools. He is a secondary teacher, former primary and secondary SENDCO and former secondary Head of Year.



Gary also authors the 'SEND MattersUK' blog. SENDMattersUK is a place to share thoughts about how to ensure the successful inclusion of children with special educational needs and disabilities in mainstream schools.



Lee Mitchell

Rugby League Manager: Warrington Wolves Foundation

Lee made his debut for Warrington Wolves in 2007, and since then has maintained a strong link with the club. Lee, who is now Rugby League manager for Warrington Wolves Foundation, plays a significant role in creating life changing opportunities through sport, education, health, and arts which enrich, inspire, and celebrate the Warrington community. Lee has completed some amazing work developing grass roots rugby from primary through secondary schools, not to mention the incredible Priestley Development Academy, all of which is securing the continued development of players into our wonderful sport. Often the unsung hero of the rugby league offering, the joint work Lee is doing with Gary Chambers is inspiring and will develop the game so that the town of Warrington, from under-6's to the Wire first team is the major force in the game.

With special thanks to our partners, Hays, for providing our gift bags and raffle prizes for the day.





