

Reach Out:

Education Conference

Monday 30 Mar 2009 9.30–3.45pm

Friends House, Euston, London NW1 2BJ

COMMUNITY COHESION FOR SCHOOLS



TIMETABLE FOR THE DAY

The day will be chaired by Colin Prescod

9.30 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

10.00 Keynote speakers:

Impact of the community cohesion duty on schools

Patrick Roach Assistant General Secretary of NASUWT

James Nottingham Community Designed Education Network
Identifying the leadership models at the heart of community engagement

11.00 Workshops:

Choose one of four workshops, all four are repeated in the afternoon

12.30 LUNCH

1.30 **PERFORMANCE: Linton Kwesi Johnson** Poet

2.05 Keynote speaker:

Stella Dadzie Front Line Training and Consultancy

2.40 **Workshops: Choose one of four workshops, same choice as morning**

3.25 **Plenary**

3.45 **Finish**

Programme subject to change



Venue: Friends House, 173 Euston Road, opposite Euston station. It is easily accessible by most forms of transport.

By tube: The nearest tube stations are Euston and Euston Square, which are on the Northern, Victoria, Metropolitan, Circle and Hammersmith & City lines.

By train: Euston station is just across the road. King's Cross & St Pancras stations are a ten minute walk away.

By bus: Buses 10, 18, 30, 73, 205 and 390 pass the door whilst 59, 68, 91, 168, and 253 stop nearby.

This conference is an opportunity for class teachers, Heads, advisers and educators to discuss the Community Cohesion agenda. Our impressive guest speakers will set the context for the programme. The workshops will provide practical sessions for teachers to gain ideas from examples which have worked well and can be taken away to try within their own school community. We are excited that Linton Kwesi Johnson, a prolific writer of dub poetry for many years focusing on community cohesion concerns will perform after lunch to liven up the afternoon!

Speaker and artist profiles are on the back page

WORKSHOP 1:

Engaging with BME/ Bilingual parents

Fiona Gibson and Suzanne Jones, Brighton and Hove Ethnic Minority Achievement Service

In the past, West Blatchington Primary School was a 'mainly white' school, but over the past five years it has changed dramatically, with EAL pupils accounting for over 30% of the school population. The majority of parents of EAL children have tended to 'stay in the playground' and not cross over the school threshold. Fiona and Suzanne started to offer parents and pupils ways to link home and school and have set up a 'hands' curriculum topics and a monthly drop in session for parents.

WORKSHOP 2:

How to run a Globetrotters Club

Liz Lee, World Education Development Group (WEDG)

Liz will provide session plans, ideas, activities and resources. You will discover how to introduce global issues such as climate change and fairtrade in a fun and participatory way. The club helps children consider their connections with far away places, and how their actions impact their local and global communities.

WORKSHOP 3:

Using stories to understand ourselves and others

Karen Ingala, Deputy Head, Farnborough Grange Nursery and Infant Community School

This workshop will bring the languages of the community into the school through bilingual rhyme and song; offer practical ways to listen and co-narrate stories; help understand what community cohesion looks like when it is working well and explore the use of stories.

WORKSHOP 4:

Firm foundations for Community Cohesion

**Dan Sanders and Mary Young
West Sussex**

Dan is the Training and Development Officer for the Harm Reduction Team and Mary is a Citizenship Advisor. This workshop will promote discussion on underlying issues to be addressed before community cohesion can take place.