

Speakers - November 16th & 17th 2017

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Colin Diamond

CBE, Corporate Director of Children and Young People - Birmingham City Council

Colin Diamond has been in education leadership roles for over 30 years, having worked professionally as a teacher, youth worker and child psychotherapist in inner-London. He took on some of the most challenged schools in the East End of London as associate head teacher.

Colin has also worked as a local authority SEND adviser, Director of Education, Director of Children's Services (taking an LA from "special measures" to "outstanding"), OFSTED inspector, associate lecturer at three universities and DCSF South West Director. He then moved to the Department for Education (DfE) where he headed up the Department's education advisers for academies and free schools.

He arrived in Birmingham in the wake of Trojan Horse and has lived happily ever since having escaped the Whitehall corridors of power. Colin is driven by what is best for our children and young people and the transformative power of education for working class children in particular.



Nina Jackson

Associate of Independent Thinking Ltd

Having gained a vast amount of experience working in mainstream and special needs education, Nina Jackson has a breath-taking grasp of what makes classrooms, and those in them, tick. Her first book shared research about

how music can improve learning and motivation in all classrooms; a theme close to the heart of Services for Education's Music Service!

With years of experience working as a pedagogical and pastoral champion, she has become an international emotional health and well-being 'ambassador' – and is in constant demand across the world for her knowledge.

In her role as associate director, Nina works nationally and in challenging environments across the world including Ghana, Chile and the Middle East. Her best-selling book, *Of Teaching, Learning and Sherbet Lemons: A Compendium of Careful Advice for Teachers* has helped support thousands of teachers throughout the country. Nina's speech to conference delegates promises to be filled with passion, humour and warmth; a session not to be missed!



James Nottingham

Educational Leader, Author and Entrepreneur

James Nottingham has been a teaching assistant, teacher and middle leader across the 3-18 age range.

Now he is the founding director of Challenging Learning, a group of 6 educational companies in 6 countries, including the UK.

James is perhaps best known for having created The Learning Challenge, the renowned model that guides learners through the Learning Pit. His new book about this popular approach, *The Learning Challenge (2017)* is now available through Corwin. He is also the author of 5 other books, including *Challenging Learning Through Feedback (2016)* and *Challenging Early Learning (in press, due Q4, 2017)*. Before training to be a teacher, James worked on a pig farm, in the chemical industry, for the American Red Cross and as a teaching assistant in a school for deaf children. At university, he gained a first class honours degree in education. He then worked as a teacher and leader before co-founding an award-winning, multi-million pound social regeneration project supporting education, public and voluntary organisations across north east England.

In 2009, James was listed among the Future 500 - a "definitive list of the UK's most forward-thinking and brightest innovators."



Sir John Jones

International Speaker and Author

Returning for a second year, Sir John Jones is one of the most sought after educational speakers owed to his straight-talking, leadership and creativity. He has 17 years' experience as a head teacher and was a member of the Headteachers' National Focus Group

on Truancy and Exclusion and the Excellence in Cities project at the DfES.

Sir John designed and delivered a Master's Course on the Leadership of Change at Liverpool University and was a member of the Leadership and Development Unit sponsored by the National College for School Leadership. He is also the best-selling author of 'The Magic- Weaving Business'.

Sir John feels privileged to be Chair of the Board of 'Everton in the Community' and a governor at the Everton Free School. He is a governor at Bolton St Catherine's Academy, a 3-19 all through school in Bolton, and is also proud to be the Chancellor of Sefton Children's University.



David Cameron

Associate of Independent Thinking Ltd

David Cameron is a national pioneer and innovator in the role educator's play in issues including equity, equality and opportunity. David has senior leadership experience in the classroom at every phase and has been

involved in the development of national educational policy and its implementation in schools. David brings together artists and educators through the annual Creative Conversations in Edinburgh event, has helped draft Creative Scotland's recent manifesto on learning and creativity and is a leading player in Scotland's Festival of Dangerous Ideas project.

Through his public speaking he challenges audiences to be both more creative and courageous when it comes to achieving the best for young people.



Kate Cooper

Head of Research, Policy & Standards The Institute of Leadership & Management

Kate Cooper is Head of Research, Policy and Standards at the Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM). Kate joined the Institute after a career in a university business school

where she lead the Management, Strategy & Leadership group . Kate has appeared on BBC Television, BBC Radio 4, various other radio stations, has a regular column in Dialogue magazine, is a key note speaker at conferences and provides expert commentary on a range of topics arising from the Institute's research agenda.

The Institute of Leadership & Management is a professional membership body that connects like-minded people with the shared purpose of inspiring great leadership everywhere. Through its research and events programme, the Institute seeks to inform, inspire and impact the practice of leadership wherever it happens. Its 30,000 members come from all walks of life, operate across all sectors and share a commitment to lifelong learning, continuous improvement and helping others to achieve their potential.



Dame Kathryn August Leadership in Education

Dame Kathy August DBE has extensive experience of leadership in education stretching over three decades. She was appointed to her first Headship in 1988, achieving significant successes in this and further headships. In 2003 she took on a major challenge as the first Principal of Manchester Academy in Moss Side, one of the first 'City Academies' in the country

and described by Andrew Adonis as 'one of the worst gang-infested comprehensives in the country'. In just over five years, the Academy was judged as Outstanding, and Kathy August was designated a National Leader of Education.

In addition to her experience as a Head teacher, she has worked as a Senior Education Adviser at the Standards and Effectiveness Unit in the Department for Education, under the leadership of Professor Sir Michael Barber, and she is a qualified Ofsted Inspector. She has written books and papers on a range of educational issues, and has regularly been invited to speak at conferences and other events, including two presentations in Downing Street to promote the academy programme.

In 2012 she helped establish a new multi-academy trust, and since 2013 has worked independently with a range of multi-academy trusts and other educational organisations on a variety of school improvement issues, including coaching leaders in executive education.

She was awarded the DBE in 2014 for services to education, and in January 2017 was appointed Visiting Professor at the University of Salford Business School. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.



Ciarán O'Donnell Head of Music Service - Services for Education

Ciarán O'Donnell was born in Derry City, Northern Ireland in 1981 and began playing the clarinet and saxophone at the age of eleven. He studied music at Queen's University, Belfast, where he graduated with first-class honours. He was

subsequently awarded a scholarship for further study at Birmingham Conservatoire, where he completed a postgraduate diploma with distinction and was awarded the Conservatoire's post graduate prize 2003. He joined Birmingham Music Service in 2005 as a woodwind teacher, teaching successfully in a variety of Birmingham Schools.

Ciarán held the post as Head of Woodwind at Birmingham Music Service from 2009. In January 2014 he was appointed as the Head of Music Service. He is the nominated regional representative for the West Midlands Music Mark group, where he continues support the collaborative work of the 14 Music Services of the West Midlands. In June 2013, he was awarded honorary membership of Birmingham Conservatoire, for his innovative partnership work in the field of Music Education.



Maggi Rose Mental Health at Work

Maggi Rose is senior facilitator and project lead for Mental Health at Work's learning and development programmes.

Maggi has a clinical and academic background in the field of mental health and brings hands-on experience of the specific drivers and challenges to improving mental health awareness in the workplace across a range of organisations, industries and sectors, including schools and universities.

"Great opportunity to hear excellent speakers, network with other school leaders and take time to reflect on current role and priorities"

"A really worthwhile experience, especially as someone new to Senior Leadership"

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