

White working class: how can schools tackle underachievement and raise attainment?

Thursday 9 March 2017, Durham County Cricket Club

This conference is the first event as part of a wider programme of work by SCHOOLS NorthEast, aimed at making the North East a hub for evidence-based excellence in education. The event will be followed up by further school-led research into the issues and ideas uncovered during the day.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

8:00 Arrival and registration

9:15 Welcome

Mike Parker & Kate Bailey, CEM

9:30 Keynote and overview

Professor Stephen Gorard

- What is White Working Class and why we shouldn't silo education
- Challenging the 'North East effect'
- Greatest factors affecting the North East
- Interventions that work, based on the evidence

10:15 Break

10:30 Aspiration and engagement

Michael Jopling, Northumbria University

11:15 Attitudes and behaviour

Professor Stephen Gorard, Durham University

12:00 Lunch

13:00 Tim Leunig, Chief Scientific Advisor, Department for Education

13:30 What we do and how we do it

- Kate Chisholm, Skerne Park Academy
- Linda Halbert Freebrough Academy & David Major Redcar LA, Education Improvement Partnership

14:00 Break

14:15 How should schools use research?

- Kate Bailey, CEM
- Stuart Kime, evidence-based education

15:00 Aggregated trials: power to the practitioners

Dr Nadia Siddiqui, Durham University

15:15 Workshops

Schools working on issues identified and, where appropriate, committing to work together on aggregated research projects.

16:00 Close

**This programme is provisional and may be subject to change*