



National Opportunity Summit - Building a country that works for all children and young people

Date: 8th September 2025

Venue: Cloth Hall Court, Quebec St, Leeds, LS1 2HA

AGENDA

9:00 – 9:30	Arrival and Register
9:30 – 9:40	Welcome; CHORAL and Child of the North Professor Shearer West , Vice Chancellor, University of Leeds Professor Charlie Jeffery , Vice Chancellor, University of York
9:40 – 9:55 15mins	Welcome and introduction from Chairs Baroness Anne Longfield CBE , Executive Chair and Founder, Centre for Young Lives Rachel Sylvester , Political Editor, The Observer
9:55-10:10 15mins	Universities supporting the Opportunity Mission - Child of the North Professor Matthew Grenby , Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Newcastle University
10:10 – 10:30 20 mins	A country that works for all children and young people Professor Kate Pickett OBE , Director, Born in Bradford Centre for Social Change, University of York Professor David Taylor-Robinson , Health Equity North Academic Co-Director, University of Liverpool
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:00	Opportunities for structural change and transformation: Challenges and solutions Chairs: Baroness Longfield and Rachel Sylvester <u>Panellists:</u> - Dr Sarah Cattam , A Fairer Start Mission Director, Nesta

	- Councillor Jon Hubbard, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills, Wiltshire Council - Charlotte Ramsden, CEO, Bradford Children and Family Trust - Jonny Uttley, CEO, Education Alliance.
12:00 – 12:10	Opportunities for partnership between health and education: Delivering the healthiest generation of children Chair: Rachel Sylvester Professor Steve Turner, President, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health
12:10 – 13:00	Health and education strategic partnerships to drive wellbeing and life chances Chair: Rachel Sylvester <u>Panellists:</u> - Michelle Carrington, Deputy Executive Nurse/Director of Nursing Health and Care Integration, Humber & North Yorkshire ICB - Pepe Di'lasio, General Secretary, Association of School of College Leaders - Maryam Kapree, CHORAL Young Person Representative - Dame Christine Lenehan DBE, Strategic Advisor on SEND, Department for Education - Julie Longworth, Director of Children and Families, Leeds City Council - Professor Steve Turner, President, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health
13:00 – 13:55	Lunch
13:40 – 14:00	Performance from Bradford Choir to provide choral interlude dedicated to Simon James (optional)
14:00 – 14:50	Child of the North: Creating a country that works for all children and young people: What the evidence tells us. Chair: Professor Matthew Grenby, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Newcastle University <u>Presenters include:</u> Dr Charmele Ayadurai, Assistant Professor of Finance, Durham University Business School Professor Caroline Bond, Professor of Educational Psychology, University of Manchester Dr Eleanor Bryant, Associate Professor of Psychology, University of Bradford

	Professor Andrew Daly-Smith, Professor of Physical Activity & Child Health, University of Bradford Professor Peter Day, Professor of Children's Oral Health, University of Leeds Professor Sarah Howard, Professor of Digital Education, University of Leeds Professor Neil Humphrey, Mental Health & Wellbeing Report Lead, University of Manchester Professor Zoe Marshman, Professor in Dental Public Health, University of Sheffield Professor Mark Mon-Williams, Chair in Cognitive Psychology, University of Leeds Professor Faisal Mushtaq, Professor of Cognitive Science, University of Leeds Professor Uta Papen, Professor of Literacy Studies, Lancaster University Professor Liz Todd OBE, Professor of Education Inclusion, Newcastle University Professor Ruth Wadman, Associate Professor in Children and Young People's Mental Health, University of Bradford
14:50 – 15:10	Break
15:10 – 16:00	Delivering impact for children and families Chair: Baroness Anne Longfield <u>Panellists:</u> - Anne-Marie Canning MBE, CEO, The Brilliant Club - Dr Jo Casebourne, Chief Executive, Foundations – What Works Centre for Children & Families - Dr Camilla Kingdon, Non-Executive Director, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children - Professor John Wright, Director of Research, Bradford Institute of Health Research - Stian Westlake, CEO, Economic and Social Research Council - Kathryn Loftus, Director, Education Alliance for Life Chances
16:00 – 16:10	Young people's perspective Sophie Balmer, CHORAL Young Person Representative
16:10 – 16:30	Concluding plenary Baroness Anne Longfield to close conference
16:30 – 17:00	Networking session. Refreshments available on ground floor
17:00	Ends