

The Annual Education Lecture Tuesday 21 June 2022

“Why our schools need a revolution post Covid”

Every young person can be excellent at something, can be happy and give value to society. They need the opportunity to explore what they can do; they need to develop persistence to succeed; they need to learn how to overcome challenges. But does the current education system provide them with these skills? **No - our system is not fit for purpose.** This has been exacerbated and further exposed by lockdown and covid. **We need something bigger and bolder.** We need creativity as well as academic learning; problem solving as well as the basics; well-being as well as hard work.

Peter Hyman, our keynote speaker, will explain how the ‘Head, Heart and Hand curriculum’ he developed as co-founder of School 21 in East London is an example of what is possible if we want to educate the whole child. And he will say now is the time to rethink our exam system and bring back joy and excitement to our classrooms. Peter will draw on his experiences to set out lessons on the leadership and strategic thinking that will be required to make this happen.

Our keynote speaker



Peter Hyman is a proactive influencer of change in the UK education sector. Building on his experience in politics – strategist and speech writer to Tony Blair – he set out to retrain as a teacher and then to champion transformational change in education.

Peter has various leadership roles across the Education sector to his credit:

- Co-Director of **Big Education** - a multi-academy trust and social enterprise with a mission to change the way we provide education. Big Education runs schools and designs programmes and tools all in pursuit of a more expansive education.
- Co-founder and the first headteacher of **School 21** in Stratford, with a reputation for its innovative curriculum and repertoire of pedagogies.
- Co-founder of **Voice 21**, a growing charity developing oracy skills in young people.
- Co-founder of **Rethinking Assessment**, a broad coalition that is rethinking the way exams and assessment are done.
- Author of ***1 out of 10, from Downing Street Vision to Classroom Reality***.

Our Foreword



The evening will be introduced by Andrew Marsden. A management consultant by background, Andrew is a Liveryman of four Companies and serves the Livery in a number of roles including the Chair of the Financial Services Group.

Andrew helped to set up and continues to support the annual Sheriffs' Challenge, which encourages school children to practise working together and giving presentations.

Event format

The event will be presented on-line to enable maximum participation of those interested in this important topic. Following the introduction and the keynote lecture there will be an extended and facilitated Q&A session which will provide the opportunity to explore the issues raised with our keynote speaker.

Anticipated timing is as follows:

- 18:20 Zoom meeting opens
- 18:30 Foreword and Keynote lecture
- 19:20 Facilitated Q&A
- 20:00 Close