

# THE 2024 NATIONAL DISADVANTAGED CONFERENCE.

Wednesday 17th January 2024

*Better Serving Underserved Learners*



## Event Agenda – 9am to 4pm

Time	Details			Location
9:00 – 9:15am	<b>Welcome from Rachel Macfarlane</b> , Lead Adviser for Underserved Learners at HFL Education			Main Stage
9:15 – 9:45am	<b>‘Lemn’s Own Story’</b> <b>Lemn Sissay MBE</b> , Author, Poet, Broadcaster and Performer			Main Stage
09:45 – 10:00am	<b>Q &amp; A with Lemn Sissay MBE</b>			
10:05 – 11:25am	<b>‘We need to talk about Jason: exploring myths, wrong turnings and what really works in closing attainment gaps’</b> <b>Jean Gross CBE</b> , Best-selling author and education expert			Main Stage
11:25 – 11:40am	Break			
11:40am – 12:10pm	Spotlights into great practice in serving underserved learners in schools – choice of 3 sessions			Spotlight talks
	<b>‘EFFECTIVE INTERACTIONS TO INCREASE ENGAGEMENT’</b> <b>Becky Cox</b> , Senior Secondary & Special School Effectiveness Adviser & <b>Jennifer Ferguson</b> , Early Years Adviser at HFL Education	<b>‘WHAT IS THE REAL COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY?’</b> <b>Joanna Di Bella</b> , District School Effectiveness Adviser at HFL Education & <b>Victoria Lyon</b> Headteacher at Leavesden Green Primary School	<b>‘AI – CLOSING THE GAP WITH TECHNOLOGY’</b> <b>Fiona Tobin</b> Secondary & Special School Effectiveness Adviser and <b>Nicki Waller</b> , District Early Years Adviser at HFL Education	
12:10 – 12:20pm	Break			



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12:20 – 12:45pm	<b>Panel discussion</b> <b>Rachel Macfarlane</b> with <b>Matthew Fletcher</b> , Headteacher at Rickmansworth School, <b>Sarah Pipe</b> , Headteacher at Parkgate Junior School, <b>Ben Conway</b> , Headteacher at Shephalbury Park Primary School, <b>Ruchi Datta</b> - Special School Effectiveness Adviser at HFL Education & <b>Louise Jennings</b> - Head of Early Years Services at HFL Education	Main Stage
12:45 – 1:25pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
1:25 – 2:25pm	<b>In conversation with</b> <b>Sufian Sadiq</b> , Director of Talent and Teaching School <b>Matt Jones OBE</b> , Executive Principal, Ark Globe Academy Chaired by <b>Rachel Macfarlane</b> , Lead Adviser for Underserved Learners at HFL Education	Main Stage
2:25 – 2:35pm	<b>Break</b>	
2:35 – 3:20pm	<b>'Poor'</b> <b>Dr Katriona O'Sullivan</b> , Senior Lecturer, Maynooth University, Ireland	Main Stage
3:25 – 3:50pm	<b>Panel discussion</b> <b>Rachel Macfarlane</b> with <b>Matthew Fletcher</b> , Headteacher at Rickmansworth School, <b>Sarah Pipe</b> , Headteacher at Parkgate Junior School, <b>Ben Conway</b> , Headteacher at Shephalbury Park Primary School, <b>Ruchi Datta</b> - Special School Effectiveness Adviser at HFL Education & <b>Louise Jennings</b> - Head of Early Years Services at HFL Education	Main Stage
3:50 – 4:00pm	<b>Conference Close</b>	Main Stage

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