

## Evidence Session: Early Years, Education and Employability

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February  
11.00am-1.30pm  
Wilson Room, Portcullis House

Group 1: Early Years, Engaging in Schools and Education Policy	
<b>Edward Melhuish</b>	Academic Research Leader at Oxford University, with research interests in child poverty and disadvantage, and early childhood education. Edward is also the Director of the National Evaluation of Sure Start, investigating the impact of the early intervention programme.
<b>Ann Graham</b>	Director of Operations at Barking and Dagenham Council. Ann has over 25 years' experience working with children, young people and their families in statutory social care settings. Ann currently has responsibility for the Barking and Dagenham Youth Offending Service
<b>Jessica Streeting</b>	Executive Committee member of School and Public Health Nurses Association with a background of twenty years school nursing and practice education in Central London. A Queen's Nurse and currently Named Nurse for Looked After Children in Hammersmith and Fulham. Jess also writes for the Nursing Press.
<b>Christine Goodall</b>	Academic oral surgeon and Senior Lecturer at Glasgow University. Christine works in hospitals around Glasgow and violence and alcohol are her main research interests. In 2008 she co-founded Medics Against Violence, which works closely with the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit.
Group 2: School Exclusions and Alternative Provision	
<b>Jamal Khan</b>	Award-winning writer and performer whose work tackles significant issues ranging from gun crime to mental health. Jamal's work has been broadcast on BBC Radio 1XTRA and Sky News. He aims to soon release his debut book ' <i>Words Within Walls</i> ', a journal he kept whilst serving a prison sentence. Jamal is also the Youth Mayor for Waltham Forest.
<b>Kiran Gill</b>	Former inner city teacher and previous Head of Policy at the Social Mobility Commission. Kiran is a policy writer for IPPR and the founder of The Difference, which aims to break the link between social exclusion and school exclusion.
<b>Andy Briers</b>	Former teacher and currently a serving police officer in the Metropolitan Police –Trident Gang Crime Command. He is passionate about working with young people and diverting them away from crime. He is an advocate for young homelessness and has researched and published widely on the effects of youth crime on our society.
<b>Seamus Oates</b>	CEO of TBAP, a multi-academy trust providing alternative provision schooling for pupils excluded from mainstream education. Seamus is a former teacher with over 30 years' experience in London comprehensives and PRUs and is a board member of the Youth Justice Board.
<b>Nina Champion</b>	Head of Policy for Prisoners' Education Trust. Nina began her career as a criminal defence solicitor, before working for Rainer (now Catch 22), Prison Advice and Care Trust and Women in Prison. She represents Western Europe at the European Prison Education Association, and sits on the steering groups of alliances concerned with sports, arts and young people in the criminal justice system
Group 3: Pathways, Employability and the Role of the Private Sector	
<b>Euan Blair</b>	CEO of WhiteHat, a tech start-up and apprenticeship provider. WhiteHat match young people with apprenticeship opportunities at a range of top UK companies. The company aims to transform post-16 education and believes that apprenticeships should be a genuine alternative to university for all young people.
<b>Oliver Hypolite-Bishop</b>	Head of Digital Communications at Confederation of British Industry and Board Member of the Spirit of London Awards, which awards young people for their talent across London and the UK in the arts, media, sport, campaigning and education.
<b>Liz Williams</b>	Director, Tech Literacy and Education Programmes for BT Group, leading the BT Group's Education Strategy which helps young people get into jobs. She represents BT on the Movement to Work employer coalition, which offers opportunities to unemployed young people helping them to develop the skills and confidence they need to find a job.

# Agenda

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<b>Guests arrive at Wilson Room, Portcullis House</b>	10.45-11.00
<b>Chair's Welcome and Introductions</b>	11.00-11.05
<b>Group 1: Opening Statements</b>	11.05-11.25
Edward Melhuish	
Ann Graham	
Jessica Streeting	
Christine Goodall	
<b>Questions from commissioners and discussion</b>	11.25-11.45
<b>Group 2: Opening Statements</b>	11.45-12.10
Jamal Khan	
Kiran Gill	
Andy Briers	
Seamus Oates	
Nina Champion	
<b>Questions from commissioners and discussion</b>	12.10-12.30
<b>Group 3: Opening Statements</b>	12.30-12.45
Euan Blair	
Oliver Hypolite-Bishop	
Liz Williams	
<b>Questions from commissioners and discussion</b>	12.45-13.00
<b>Discussion and final statements</b>	13.00-13.30