



South & West
Association of Leaders in
Special Schools (SWALSS)

Deputies' / Assistant Headteachers'
Conference

The Grand Hotel, Torquay

2nd and 3rd May 2019

Knowing Our Children – Moving Them On!

Day 1: Thursday 2nd May 2019

9.00am – 9.30am Refreshments / Registration / Check In

9.30am – 9.45am Welcome & housekeeping / Introduction to Exhibitors

9.45am – 11.00am

**Team Effectiveness – we are here to put a dent in the Universe
– otherwise why be here?**

- What is your moral purpose?
- Strategic vision – a multi-professional framework
- Evaluating effectiveness
- The big O!
- Work Life Balance – career progression
- National Agenda update – Special Schools Voice

**Graham Quinn: Executive Headteacher Newbridge Special Schools Group, Greater Manchester;
Chair: Special Schools Voice (DfE Consultation)**

11.00am – 11.15am Refreshments

11.15am – 12.30pm

Managing Mental Health Profiles: Pupils, Families and Staff

- Guidance in promoting positive mental health and emotional wellbeing profiles for children and young people
- The importance of staff wellbeing
- Accessing additional resources
- Reducing stigma and discrimination

Belinda Heaven: Lead Consultant, Emotional and Mental Wellbeing Gloucestershire County Council

12.30pm – 1.15pm

Lunch

1.15pm – 1.30pm

Schools Advisory Service

- Service available covering staff absence, insurance benefits, therapy, medical care, counselling
- Package used by a large number of special schools – cost effective

Robyn Breckons: Schools Officer



Day 1 Continued



1.30pm – 2.15pm

Ofsted Update- Implications for Special Schools

- Impact of the revised inspection framework on special schools

HMI / Ofsted Speaker to be confirmed



1.30pm – 2.15pm

Curriculum for Wales: Welsh Delegates

- Update on proposed Areas of Learning and Experience
- Discuss on-line consultation process
- Reflect on readiness for Curriculum for Wales

Rosa Walsh



2.15pm – 4.30pm

Workshops A) 2.15pm – 3.15pm

B) 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Workshops: Choice of 2 from 4 (check)

1) Trauma Informed Schools

- Introduction to Adverse Childhood Experiences and Trauma
- Implementation of trauma-informed practise at Briarwood
- Impact and future implications

Rosie Lapham: Senior Manager Briarwood School, Bristol

2) A Curriculum Developed for Pupils with PMLD / Complex Needs

- Our journey so far
- Unique learners at the heart of the Curriculum
- Measuring the impact and future developments

Jo King: Assistant Headteacher & Cli Fell PMLD Teacher: Linwood School, Bournemouth

3) Financial Planning – Your Pension

- Advice and guidance in relation to planning for retirement
- Invaluable and enabling framework

Rob Lester: Consultant Milsted Langdon Financial Adviser

4) A Non-confrontational Approach to Addressing Problematic Eating

- The impact of eating on well-being
- Developing and adapting a programme to meet the diverse needs of our students
- Measuring the success and future plans

Alice Stow: Primary Phase Lead & Chloe Moore: Teacher: Linwood School, Bournemouth



7.00pm

Wine Reception

7.30pm

Dinner: Hotel Restaurant

9.00pm

Quiz: Devonshire Suite (Raffle Children's Hospice South West)

Day 2:

Friday 3rd May 2019



8.45am – 10.00am

Social and Emotional Development in a Special School: The Fagus Programme

- Development and relational training
- The personalised and prescriptive approach
- The Fagus Framework

Daniela Shanley: Co-Founder and Proprietor Beech Lodge School, Maidenhead

10.00am – 10.15am

Safeguarding our Children

- An online programme used externally by special schools

Leeanne Horner, HAYS Senior SEND Consultant

10.15am – 10.45am

Refreshments / Check out

10.45am – 12.30pm

Moving towards better mental health for our students with profound disabilities

- Access to sensation underpins mental wellbeing for everyone.
- Understanding the mental health needs of our most profoundly disabled students can help us to provide for their wellbeing and our own. Joanna Grace will present insights from research into the mental health of our students and share simple sensory strategies we can use immediately to support their wellbeing

Jo Grace: Mental Health Consultant

12.30pm – 1.15pm

Overcoming Adversity in a Life Full of Achievement

- Personal experience of school
- What aspirations do we want disabled children to have?
- How can we help them realise their dreams?

Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson

1.15pm

Conclusion of the Conference / Evaluation Returns: Colin May (Chair)

1.20pm

Closure of the Conference and Lunch in the hotel restaurant Bon Voyage!

