

39th COBIS Annual Conference Programme

Leading in a Climate of Change

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Saturday 9 May 2020

- 12:45-13:45 **UK Education and Assessment Update** (optional pre-conference seminar; a light lunch will be available)
Hosted by GL Education
- 13:45-14:45 **Leadership Resources (Primary) / Leadership Resources (Secondary)** – two speed dating sessions run by Innovate My School (optional pre-conference session)
- 15:00-15:20 **COBIS Annual Conference Opens – Welcome**
- 15:20-16:10 **Plenary Session – *Imperfect Leadership***
Steve Munby, Consultant and speaker on leadership and system reform
- 16:15-17:15 **COBIS UK Ltd Annual General Meeting**
Open to all attendees. The expectation is that all COBIS Member Schools attend.
- 18:30-22:30 **Welcome Reception and Dinner – Sponsored by Tes**
COBIS Marquee, InterContinental London – The O2

Sunday 10 May 2020

- 08:15 **Exhibition Opens**
- 09:00-09:25 **Welcome and COBIS Briefing**
- 09:25-10:15 **Plenary Session – *Change the World***
Baroness Floella Benjamin OBE DL, Actor, Broadcaster and Advocate for Children's Welfare and Education
- 09:30-10:10 **Exhibitor and Supporting Member Workshop**
The latest 'need-to-know' data and intelligence on the international schools market
Diane Glass, Commercial Director, ISC Research
- 10:20-11:00 **Exhibition and Break**
Informal meet-up: New school members, new Heads, and first-time conference attendees from schools are invited to an informal meet-up with members of the COBIS Board in Meeting Area 1 of the exhibition
- 11:00-12:10 **Morning Break-Out Sessions**
1. Some are Born Changers, Some Achieve Change, and Some Have Change Thrust Upon Them, Simon Leese, Principal, Prince of Wales Island International School
 2. United Nations Accredited Climate Change & Sustainability Leadership as a USP, Melanie Harwood, eduCCate Global
 3. Clarify Your Vision and Actions to 'Future-Proof' Student Learning, Matt Messias, Dragonfly Training Limited
 4. A New Approach. Launching a Curriculum for Tomorrow, Paul Seedhouse, BSF Academic Director, British Schools Foundation

5. Student Wellbeing, Belonging and Identity in a Climate of Change, Matthew Savage, Principal, International Community School, Amman
6. Making Change an Opportunity, Not a Threat: How to Support and Enable Young People in a Climate of Change, Elizabeth Moore, Director of Teaching and Learning Research and Design, Pearson
7. Activating Learning – Creating a CPD Learning Model that 'Improves' Teacher Performance, Not Just 'Proves' It, Costa Constantinou, Director of Educational Services, Veema Education

12:10-13:10 **Lunch with Exhibitors**

13:10-14:05 **Plenary Session** – *Leading in a Climate of Change: Supporting School Action*
Angus Mackay, Director, Division for Planet and Manager, Green Development and Climate Change, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR);
Michael John O'Mahony, Director, Environment Education Unit, An Taisce (on behalf of Eco-Schools); Melanie Harwood, eduCCate Team, eduCCate Global

13:15-14:00 **Exhibitor and Supporting Member Forum**

14:05-14:15 **Plenary Session** – *Introduction to COBIS Conversations*

14:15-15:15 **COBIS Conversations – Regional Discussion Groups**

15:15-15:50 **Exhibition and Break**

Informal meet-up: Initial Teacher Training (Meeting Area 1) – during the break, join other attendees for informal discussions on ITT in an international setting

15:50-16:40 **Plenary Session** – *Leading in a Climate of Change: The Student Perspective*
A student-led session on the role of schools and school leaders in addressing current environmental challenges, supporting and enabling students to lead global change.

16:40-17:00 **Plenary Session** – *Today's Actions Shape Tomorrow's World*
A round-up of COBIS Student Engagement activities from 2019/20 including screening of winning entries from the COBIS Eco Film Awards

17:00-17:10 **Round-Up, Thank You and Close**

17:10-18:00 **Wine Reception with Exhibitors**

Monday 11 May 2020

07:30-08:00 **Early Morning Session**

Mind and Body Wellbeing – Fitter Future

Delivered by Fitter Future, this 30 minute session is the perfect way to start the day giving you both a workout and a sense of total wellbeing

08:15 **Exhibition Opens**

09:00-09:20 **Welcome, COBIS Briefing and Presentations**

09:20-9:45 **Plenary Session** – *Make It Worth It*

Harry Baker, World Poetry Slam Champion

- 9:45-10:15 **Plenary Session – COBIS Teacher Supply Research Update**
Presentation of the findings of the COBIS Teacher Supply Research
- 09:25-10:10 **Exhibitor and Supporting Member Workshop**
Planet Mark
- 10:20-10:55 **Exhibition and Break**
Informal meet-up: Early Years (Meeting Area 2, sponsored by Faria Education Group)
– an opportunity to connect, informally, with other attendees with an interest in Early Years.
- 11:00-12:10 **Morning Break-Out Sessions**
1. It's Not All One Way Traffic: The Role of Leadership Coaching in the Change Process, David Porritt, Director, Karen Ardley Associates
 2. Putting Sustainability at the Heart of School Development, Catherine McKinley, Director, Green Shoots International School
 3. Promoting Resilience, Positivity, Energy and Leadership in Ourselves and Others to Release Excellence and Wellbeing in Schools, Jenny Mosley, Founder, Director, Author and Senior Trainer, Jenny Mosley Consultancies
 4. Developing and Strengthening Collaboration within our Whole School Professional Learning Community, Melanie Warnes, Principal, The British School of Brussels
 5. High Performance Learning with Students, not to Students: The Students Speak
 6. Leading in a Climate of Change: Building a shared vision for your school, Jeni Dellman, Head of Primary School, British School Muscat
 7. The COBIS Patron's Accreditation and Compliance Process: A Differentiated Approach to External Validation, Gary Minnitt, Director of Accreditation, Janette Quinn, Assistant Director of Accreditation, Sharon Gallagher, Accreditation Officer, COBIS
- 12:10-13:10 **Lunch with Exhibitors**
Informal meet-up: Pre-employment checks (Meeting Area 1, from 12:30) – colleagues from COBIS, ACRO, and other safeguarding providers will be on hand to answer any questions on pre-employment checks in an international context
- 13:10-13:25 **Plenary Session – *The challenges, opportunities and practices of the maturing international schools market***
Will Bedford, Business Development Manager, ISC Research
- 13:25-14:10 **Plenary Session – *Leading in a Climate of Change – Sharing school stories***
Short case studies from schools sharing innovation and best practice
- 14:10-15:10 **Afternoon Break-Out Sessions**
1. The Changing Face of Leadership: Strengthening your Team Through Diversity, Claire Nuttall, Headteacher (Primary) Vice Principal, St George's International School, Luxembourg
 2. How to Attract Teachers to Work in Your School, Mark Steed, Principal and CEO, Kellett School
 3. An Innovative and Successful Approach to Address Internet Safety and Wellbeing, Dr Sharon Williams, Artistic Director, N-Act Theatre in Schools
 4. Balancing Safeguarding and Data Protection, Katie Rigg, Head of Safeguarding and Student Wellbeing, Council of International Schools and Mark Orchison, MD, 9ine Consulting
 5. Making School-Based Teacher Training Work For You, Emma Hollis, CEO, NASBTT

6. Effective Digital Strategy in COBIS Schools, Simon O’Grady, Headteacher, The Edron Academy

- 15:10-15:40 **Exhibition and Break**
- 15:40-16:30 **Plenary Session – *The Slow Revolution: How to Thrive in a Fast World by Slowing Down***
Carl Honoré, Writer and broadcaster
- 16:30-16:45 **Thank You and Conference Close**
- 18:30-19:30 **39th COBIS Annual Reception**
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- 19:30-22:30 **39th COBIS Annual Dinner**
Formal dress: Black tie and national dress optional

Booking Forms and More Information: www.cobis.org.uk/annualconference

