

# Creating Positive Futures for Boys and Young Men

A solution-focused boys' education and well-being conference

19.11.2018, Mary Sumner House, 24 Tufton Street Westminster, London SW1P 3RB

**[Please note: final speakers and schedule may be subject to change]**

9 -- 9:30 Welcome / Housekeeping

9:30 -- 9:45 -- Opening talk framing the conference and the importance of this conversation

9:45 -- 10:30 -- **Morning headline speaker:** Mary Curnock Cook OBE [Scene-setting on boys' academic attainment / policy / key facts]

10:30 -- 11:15 -- Ulster University, Taking Boys Seriously research project [Best practice: How do we boost boys' achievement?]

**11:15 -- 11:30 -- Tea / comfort break**

11:30 -- 12:15 -- Grass roots practice and perspectives -- what keeps boys and young men engaged? [Transitions and points of attrition/impact on life outcomes -- the wider issues and inter-sectional factors]

12:15 -- 13:00 -- Prof Gijsbert Stoet [International perspectives on improving boys' success at school]

**13:00 -- 13:45 -- Lunch break [and AGM in breakout space]**

13:45 -- 14:45 -- Q&A session -- TBC

14:45 -- 15:30 -- Lads Need Dads [Male role models and the power of mentoring -- with contributions from young men who have been on the Lads Need Dads programme]

15:30 -- 16:15 -- Metro charity [Homophobic bullying/school safety]

**16:15 -- 16:30 -- Tea / comfort break**

16:30 -- 17:15 -- **Afternoon headline speaker:** Natasha Devon MBE [How schools can support boys' mental health / When boys speak, are we able to listen? / the movement for change]

17:15 -- 17:30 -- Closing remarks / Thanks

17:30 -- Exit

**Parallel sessions: Extending the conversation**

Morning:

10:30 -- 11:15 -- Ensuring schools are male friendly -- both for male teachers and dads

11:30 -- 12:15 -- Colour Blind Awareness [The importance of identifying and supporting school children with colour vision deficiencies -- 1/12 boys and 1/200 girls]

12:15 -- 13:00 -- Survivors Manchester [How to engage boys in CSE safety: practical steps]

Afternoon:

14:45 -- 15:30 -- What should we be teaching boys about gender politics?

15:30 -- 16:15 -- The experiences of young male refugees

16:30 -- 17:15 -- Lightning talks session