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# FLOURISHING BY DESIGN

## *The village approach to building strong foundations*

**MIDDLE AND SENIOR LEADERS' CONFERENCE 2026**

## Tuesday 9 June, 9.00am - 3.30pm

## Guest speakers and workshop facilitators

### Professor Stuart Kime

**Keynote:** *Nurturing Great Teaching: What happens when we feel we belong in school?*

Professor Stuart Kime is the Director of Education at Evidence Based Education (EBE) and a leading authority on evidence-based teaching practices. Drawing on his background as a teacher, researcher and policy advisor, he co-authored EBE's influential 'great teaching toolkit: evidence review' and helped create The Great Teaching Toolkit, a key professional growth platform for educators.

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### Jess Easton

**Interactive Spotlight Session:** *Measuring engagement as a lead indicator for attendance, attainment and wellbeing: Case studies across the region*

Jess Easton is Director at The Engagement Platform (TEP). She leads the insights work at TEP, helping schools, trusts and partners understand how engagement shapes outcomes for pupils, employees and families. Her work focuses on using robust engagement data to support leaders to better understand culture, challenge assumptions and make more informed, strategic decisions.

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### Verity Howorth

**Interactive Spotlight Session:** *Great schools are necessary but not sufficient: Establishing a cradle to career approach*

Verity Howorth began her career in 2011 as a French teacher in London through the Teach First programme, progressing into middle and senior leadership at Reach Academy Feltham before moving to Dixons Trinity Chapeltown in 2020. Currently, at Reach Foundation, she works nationally with educators on the Cradle to Career Relationships initiative and facilitates the Yorks100 programme, driven by her admiration for school staff's dedication to tackling social injustice.

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### Shaheen Myers

**Keynote:** *Building connections through care and culture*

Shaheen Myers is the founder of BalanceEd, focusing on improving staff wellbeing and developing positive school cultures through evidence-based practices. As a popular keynote speaker, she works with school leaders to help them integrate psychological safety, strong professional boundaries and care into their leadership and organisational strategy.

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# Programme

| TIME | SESSION |
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| 9:00am - 9:30am | **Arrival and refreshments** |
| 9:30am - 10:00am | **Welcome, scene setting and networking**<br>Andrew Young and Fiona Hopkinson-Kearney (Pathfinder Education Partnership Co-Directors) |
| 10:00am - 11:00am | **Keynote:** *Nurturing Great Teaching: What happens when we feel we belong in school?*<br>Professor Stuart Kime (Director of Education at Evidence Based Education) |
| 11:00am - 11:20am | **Break, networking and exhibition market place** |
| 11:20am - 12:10pm | **Interactive Spotlight Session:** *Measuring engagement as a lead indicator for attendance, attainment and wellbeing: Case studies across the region*<br>Jess Easton, Director at The Engagement Platform (TEP) |
| 12:10pm - 12:50pm | **Interactive Spotlight Session:** *Great schools are necessary but not sufficient: Establishing a cradle to career approach*<br>Verity Howorth (Reach Foundation) |
| 12:50pm - 1:10pm | **Workshop:** *Reflection, networking and activation session*<br>Andrew Young and Fiona Hopkinson-Kearney (Pathfinder Education Partnership Co-Directors) |
| 1:10pm - 2:00pm | **Lunch, networking and exhibition market place** |
| 2:00pm - 3:00pm | **Keynote:** *Building connections through care and culture*<br>Shaheen Myers (Founder of BalanceEd) |
| 3:00pm - 3:30pm | **Final remarks, reflections and feedback**<br>Andrew Young and Fiona Hopkinson-Kearney (Pathfinder Education Partnership Co-Directors) |

# Price, booking and venue

**Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Yorkshire Education, the ticket price is only £99 per person**

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