



ANNUAL COMMONWEALTH DAY WESTMINSTER SEMINAR

Achieving an inclusive Commonwealth - what role for education?

Date: 14 March 2016 Time: 09:45 to 12:30 Venue: Committee Room 14, Palace of Westminster



The Rt Hon Lord McNally



*The Rt Hon Baroness Scotland
of Asthal QC*



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Dr Susie Miles



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Dr Neil Kemp OBE



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Dr Mary Stiasny OBE

The seminar takes its objective from this year's Commonwealth theme of 'An Inclusive Commonwealth' and seeks to explore the dynamic inter-relationship between education, inclusion and equity.

The seminar will address the overall context and implications, from a variety of perspectives, and presenters will offer examples of interventions, concerning different types of marginalised groups, in which they have been involved.

Some of the challenges to be addressed include:

- Community based education - the implications for schools and systems;
 - Education content for promoting inclusion;
 - Education provision in conflict and post-conflict societies;
- Provision for young people with various disabilities and handicaps;
 - Education for other groups who might lack access;

The panel session will address the above and sufficient time has been allocated to ensure a good discussion takes place, to engage with all delegates. Through the examples, presentations and discussion the implications for Commonwealth countries and Commonwealth institutions will be considered.

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

09:45 **Registration**

10:15 **Introduction**

Welcome by The Rt Hon Lord McNally

Exploring the concerns: what might work, who needs to act?

Presentations and panel session

Chair: Dr Neil Kemp OBE, Council for Education in the Commonwealth.

- *Fatimah Kelleher: Council for Education in the Commonwealth & International Social Development Consultant, engaged in equalities and women's rights activism, and a Senior Associate of WISE Development*
- *Stephen Woodhouse OBE: Executive Director, Kartika Soekarno Foundation for Indonesian children; UNICEF & UNESCO Consultant; and previously Regional Director, UNICEF*
- *Dr Susie Miles; Senior Lecturer, University of Manchester, and founder of the Enabling Education Network (EENET), which supports inclusion of marginalised groups in education worldwide*
- *Plan UK representative (invited)*

Discussion and Q&A

11:45 **Plenary Address:**

The Rt Hon Baroness Scotland of Asthal QC, Commonwealth Secretary-General Designate

Sonny Leong CBE Chair, Council for Education in the Commonwealth

Chair: Dr Mary Stiasny OBE; Council for Education in the Commonwealth and Pro-Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive University of London International Programmes

12:25 **Chair's closing remarks**

12:30 **Close**

There will be a high demand for places.

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