

Effective use of Teaching Assistants: Increasing their Impact for Schools and Pupils

ETC Venues, Bishopsgate Court, 4-12 Norton Folgate, London | Wednesday 21st March

10.15 Registration & Morning Refreshments

11.00 **Chair's Introduction**

⇒ **Anita Kerwin-Nye**, *Lead, Every Child Should*

11.05 **Morning Session: Polices and Evidence**

- Understanding how Teaching Assistants can improve all pupils' attainment
 - Embedding Professional Standards to increase the impact of Teaching Assistants
 - Effectively deploying Teaching Assistants to improve inclusion, in and out of the classroom
 - Maintaining Teaching Assistant staff levels in the current funding environment
 - The responsibilities of School Leaders and wider staff in advocating for and working effectively with teaching Assistants
 - Recruitment and retention of high-quality Teaching Assistants: flexible working, career progression and management support
 - Ensuring TAs are trained and recognised for all aspects of their work
 - Use of Teaching Assistants in Special Schools
 - Recognising and finessing Teaching Assistants' contribution to teaching and learning
- ⇒ **Nancy Gedge**, *Author 'Inclusion for Primary School Teachers'; TES SEND Columnist & Consultant Teacher, Driver Youth Trust*
- ⇒ **Jon Richards**, *National Secretary, Education and Children's Services, Unison*
- ⇒ **Suzanne Scrivens**, *Support Staff Professional Development Consultant, Nottingham City Council*

13.00 Networking Lunch

13.45 **Afternoon Session: Strategies for increasing impact**

- Practical strategies for making the best use of Teaching Assistants
 - Building a robust training and CPD programme for Teaching Assistants
 - Pilot approaches for using Teaching Assistants to close the attainment gap
 - Balancing interventions in the classroom with those outside
 - Update on the Maximising the Impact of Teaching Assistants Project
- ⇒ **Katie Harrison**, *Teaching Assistant & ATL Section Exec Committee Member, NEU*
- ⇒ **Claire Keilty**, *Deputy Headteacher, Cranborne Primary School*

15.30 Event Close

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