

The 'self-improving school-led system' – evaluating the changes, exploring implications

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The event marks the launch of a Nuffield-funded report written by Professor Toby Greany and Dr Rob Higham from the UCL Institute of Education. Their four-year study has explored the ways in which schools in England have interpreted and begun to respond to the 'self-improving school-led system' (SISS) policy agenda. The researchers will share their findings at the seminar, drawing on multiple school case studies across four different localities as well as a national survey and statistical analysis of the impact of Multi-Academy Trusts (MATs) and of the relationship between Ofsted inspection outcomes and school composition.

Programme of the day

14:30	Registration and refreshments Served in the Dining Room
15:00	Welcome and introduction Josh Hillman, Director of Education, Nuffield Foundation Estelle Morris, House of Lords (Chair)
15:15	Hierarchy, Markets and Networks: analysing the 'self-improving school-led system' agenda in England and the implications for schools Professor Toby Greany, Vice-Dean: Enterprise, UCL Institute of Education Dr Rob Higham, Senior Lecturer, UCL Institute of Education Simon Rutt, Head of Statistics, NfER Questions and clarifications
16:05	Panel responses to research

- - Amanda Spielman, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector, Ofsted
 - Sir David Carter, National Schools Commissioner, Department for Education
 - Philip Woods, Professor of Educational Policy, Democracy and Leadership, University of Hertfordshire
 - Carolyn Roberts, Head, Thomas Tallis School, and Chair, Ethical Leadership Commission
 - Chris Knowles, Headteacher of Newby and Scalby Primary School
- 16:40 **Discussion session** Chaired by Estelle Morris, House of Lords 17:15 Closing remarks Estelle Morris, House of Lords Drinks reception and networking 17:30

Served in the Dining Room

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