

9am-10am

Registration and breakfast

10am-10:15am

Welcome by Veejay Lingiah



Veejay Lingiah, CEO of Learning Labs, the creators of FlashAcademy EAL and organisers of EAL Birmingham 2018. Learning Labs is committed to developing technology to make language more accessible for all pupils.

10:15am-10:35am

Keynote by The Bell Foundation

Recent findings about EAL learners have been covered widely in the media, but Diana will discuss in her keynote why some of these findings may have been misleading.



Diana started as Director of The Bell Foundation in September 2011. She has worked for over 25 years in UK and international charities including the NSPCC and Save the Children.

10:35am-10:55am

Keynote by Shireland Academy

David will be sharing plans for a new EAL Academy initiative in Sandwell, as a way to accelerate English language acquisition for newly arrived pupils.



*David Irish, Principle of Shireland Collegiate Academy
David has worked at Shireland Academy for 8 years and has taught in schools that serve areas of high need.*

10:55am-11:15am

Break

11:15am-11:35am

Session by Pupil and School Support

Taking a look at the new EAL Proficiency Assessment and 'best practice' strategies for schools to succeed with this new initiative.



Terri Cawser, Assistant Service Lead at Pupil and School Support (PSS). PSS helps children and young people with learning difficulties to progress.

11:35am-11:55am

Session by Meredith Cicerchia, PHD Researcher at Nottingham University

Meredith will discuss the most effective methods of language learning and how these can be applied in an EAL classroom.



Meredith Cicerchia, Applied Linguist at University of Nottingham Meredith has spent the last ten years working across the language learning industry in various roles from teaching to curriculum development.

11:55am-12:10am

Session By Great Barr Academy

How can schools harness technology to unlock their EAL challenge? Hollie will discuss how Great Barr Academy are implementing new strategies to address their EAL challenge head on.



Hollie O'Sullivan, Lead Teacher for EAL at Great Barr Academy. Great Barr Academy are one of the largest schools in Europe and have recently implemented new tools to tackle their EAL challenge.

12:10am-12:30am

Session by Birmingham Virtual School

Assisting 'children in care' often presents a number of well-being challenges in addition to EAL needs. Mandy will share implementable ideas to support both teachers and pupils.



Mandy Finnegan, Lead Advisor for Education at Birmingham Virtual School for Children in Care.

12:30am-13:15am

Panel and Q&A with Matt Williams (Moderator), Dave Irish, Terri Cawser and Hollie O'Sullivan.



Matt Williams
*FlashAcademy
(Moderator)*



Dave Irish
*Shireland
Academy*



Terry Cawser
*Pupil and
School Support*



Hollie O'Sullivan
*Great Barr
School*

13:15pm-2pm

Free Buffet Lunch

2pm

End of Conference



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