

## EPI & Publishers Association Webinar Making education recovery accessible to all

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022 | 15:00– 17:00 | Held via Zoom

### Agenda

15:00 – 15:05	<b>Welcome and opening remarks</b>	<b>David Laws</b> Executive Chair, EPI
15:05 – 15:55	<b>Panel one</b> – the impact of the pandemic on inequality: what can we learn and how do we support effective catch-up programmes?	<b>Graham Archer</b> Director of Disadvantage and Place Strategy, Department for Education  <b>Dan Conway</b> Chief Executive, Publishers Association  <b>Vivek Govil</b> Managing Director for UK Education, Oxford University Press  <b>Nicola Shipman</b> Chief Executive, Steel City Schools Partnership
15:55 – 16:10	<b>Keynote speech:</b> Making education recovery accessible to all	<b>Dame Rachel de Souza</b> Children’s Commissioner for England
16:10 – 16:55	<b>Panel two</b> – how can edtech be optimised to support education recovery, edtech and inclusion?	<b>Dan Conway</b>  <b>Vivek Govil</b>  <b>Dr Fiona Aubrey-Smith</b> Director, One Life Learning  <b>Rory McGrath,</b> Headteacher, Shacklewell Primary School
16:55 – 17:00	<b>Closing remarks</b>	<b>David Laws</b>

## Speakers

**Graham Archer**

Director for Disadvantage and Place Strategy

*Department for Education*

Graham is currently Director Disadvantage and Place Strategy in the Department for Education, with strategic responsibility for the Department's work on increases in the Cost of Living, on Levelling Up and on Education Recovery.

Until April 2022 he was Director Education Recovery, with responsibilities including the National Tutoring programme, the Pupil and Recovery Premia, OAK National Academy and Get Help With Technology.

From 2015 until 2020, he was Director Children's Social Care, with responsibilities around Child Protection and the performance of Local Authorities' children's social care functions.

**Dr Fiona Aubrey-Smith**

Director

*One Life Learning*

Named by Education Business as one of the 50 most influential people in education (2021), Dr Fiona Aubrey-Smith is an award-winning leader with a passion for making learning meaningful for every child.

As Director of One Life Learning, Fiona provides strategic education consultancy services to schools, professional learning providers and edtech companies. She is also an Associate Lecturer at The Open University and sits on the board of a number of charitable trusts.

Fiona is a regular contributor to books, panels, and events addressing Education, Pedagogy and Education Technology.

**Dan Conway**

Chief Executive

*Publishers Association*

Dan is the incoming Chief Executive of the Publishers Association. He spent the last 5 years leading the Association's external affairs and policy work, being the principal political spokesperson for the publishing industry. Prior to his work at the PA, Dan held a number of public affairs advisory roles over a decade focussing largely in the media and creative industries sectors. He graduated from Cambridge University with an English Literature degree and is a firm believer that books and reading can change lives.

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**Vivek Govil**

Managing director for UK Education  
*Oxford University Press*



Vivek Govil is the Managing Director for UK Education at Oxford University Press, where he is responsible for a portfolio of products and services sold to schools and to the parents of schoolgoing children. Prior to this Vivek has worked in a range of global roles at Pearson, as well as in Consumer Products and Hospitality.

Vivek is a Non Executive Director at an NHS mental health trust, a trustee of a charity focused on child rights in India and is a Council member at the Publishers Association. He is also an amateur songwriter.

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**David Laws**

Executive Chairman  
*Education Policy Institute*



David joined the EPI as Executive Chairman in September 2015.

Between 2010 and 2015, David served in the Coalition Government as Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Schools Minister, and Cabinet Office Minister. Whilst Schools Minister he was responsible for policy areas including all capital and revenue funding, the Pupil Premium, accountability and policy on teachers and leadership.

David was Member of Parliament for Yeovil from 2001 until 2015.

David graduated from King's College, Cambridge, with a double first class honours degree in economics and worked at J.P. Morgan and Barclays de Zoete Wedd.

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**Rory McGrath**

Headteacher  
*Shacklewell Primary School*



Rory McGrath is the headteacher of Shacklewell Primary School, Hackney, which is part of the New Wave Federation, Shacklewell remains the lead school in the federation's successful Apple Distinguished School accreditation, which the federation has held since 2016. Shacklewell was also an EdTech Demonstrator School during both cycles of this government initiative. Rory is passionate about the role of technology in improving the lives of the most disadvantaged in society.

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**Nicola Shipman**

CEO

*Steel City Schools Partnership*

Nicola is Chief Executive Officer of Steel City Schools Partnership, a Sheffield based Multi-Academy Trust of 9 primary phase schools that was established in April 2013. The Trust serves over 3500 children and employs over 550 staff. She is a National Leader of Education and a registered Lead Ofsted Inspector, undertaking inspections in the current framework in the Yorkshire and Humber region.

SCSP works closely with a number of local and regional partners including TSA Hubs within the South Yorkshire region, the RSC office and DfE. She is currently supporting 3 other Multi Academy Trusts in Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield as part of the NLE Tailored Support Programme. As NLE she is also supporting a Special Measures school in Sheffield.

Having developed a Trust ethos that identifies and nurtures leadership at all levels including Governance, strong leadership has enabled SCSP to deliver year-on-year improvements in outcomes for pupils and staff including the development of staff in to a range of new roles both within SCSP and beyond the Trust.

**Dame Rachel de Souza**

Children's Commissioner for England



Dame Rachel de Souza is the Children's Commissioner for England. The Children's Commissioner promotes and protects the rights of children, standing up for their views and interests and acting as their 'eyes and ears' across government.

Dame Rachel is a nationally recognised educator and advocate for improving the life chances of disadvantaged children. Before her appointment as Children's Commissioner, she led two schools from failing to outstanding, before founding and leading the Inspiration Trust, a family of fourteen schools in East Anglia. The Trust was twice ranked as the nation's top group of comprehensive schools based on pupil progress at GCSE. She was made a Dame in 2014 for services to education.