

SEA Seminar: Collective Responsibility in the National Education Service

Saturday 16th February at the NEU (ATL) office, 7 Northumberland Street, WC2N 5RD from 10.30 to 4.00.

Programme for the day

10.30 Introductions: Martin Dore, SEA Chair

10.40 Theme 1

- To determine how to deliver the commitment made then to *“consult on and establish a new regulatory framework for schools. This would bring schools within the principles of the National Education Service, and ensure that all schools follow the same rules, with schools being regulated by statute, rather than thousands of individual contracts”*

Keynote: Professor Anne West and David Wolfe QC

Questions and Clarification

Comments/ Response: Kevin Courtney (NEU) and John Fowler (LGIU)

Discussion

12.00 Theme 2

- To explore how local accountability would work in a reformed system – looking both at the structure of local government in relation to education, at a revised division of powers and responsibilities between central and local government and at how there can be more genuine community involvement in decision making.

Introduction: John Bolt, SEA General Secretary

Questions and Discussion

1.0 Lunch break

1.40 Theme 3

- To consider the implications for other parts of the education service (particularly early years providers and FE colleges) and how a more consistent and co-ordinated approach can be developed across the sectors.

Introduction: Pamela Calder (Early Years) and Eddie Playfair (Association of Colleges)

Questions and Discussion

2.40 Small group discussions exploring the three themes and identifying specific ways forward.

3.30 Group feedback, discussion and finalisation of recommendations.

4.00 Close