Conference Programme: Creating an equitable future through education

A conference highlighting the challenges to education in the context of disruption and showcasing research and practice in taking on these challenges, with a focus on girls’ education

Thursday 7 October 2021, West Court, Jesus College, Cambridge

9:00  Registration and coffee
9:30  Welcome
   • Dr Charles Chen Yidan, Founder of the Yidan Prize Foundation
   • Sonita Alleyne OBE, Master of Jesus College, Cambridge
   • Professor Sir Leszek Borysiewicz, former Vice Chancellor, University of Cambridge and Director, Yidan Prize Foundation
   • Dr Julian Huppert (Moderator), Director of the Intellectual Forum, Jesus College, Cambridge

10:00  Keynote & Laureate conversation: A focus on girls’ education globally
   • The Honourable Julia Gillard AC, 27th Prime Minister of Australia and former Chair of the Global Partnership for Education
   • Conversation with Lucy Lake OBE and Angeline Murimirwa, Co-Executives of CAMFED and 2020 laureates of the Yidan Prize for Education Development

10:45  Panel discussion: Inclusive education in the context of disruption
   • Professor Pauline Rose, Director of the REAL Centre, University of Cambridge
   • Fiona Mavhinga, Executive Advisor, CAMFED
   • Alicia Herbert OBE, Director of Education, Gender and Equality Directorate, FCDO and Special Envoy for Gender Equality
   • Andrew Jack (Chair), Global Education Editor, Financial Times

11:30  Refreshment break
12:00  Panel discussion: Education and mental health in challenging times
   • Professor Usha Goswami CBE, Director of the Centre for Neuroscience in Education, University of Cambridge
   • Dr Erum Mariam, Executive Director, BRAC Institute of Educational Development
   • Professor Paul Ramchandani, Director of the PEDAL Centre, University of Cambridge
   • Dr Amy Jo Dowd (Discussant), Head of Evidence, LEGO Foundation
   • Professor Nidhi Singal (Chair), Faculty of Education, University of Cambridge

13:00  Lunch
14:00  **Panel discussion: Cross-sectoral and financial support for global education**
- **Professor Anna Vignoles CBE**, Director, Leverhulme Trust
- **Lord Jo Johnson**, Chair of Tes Global and former Minister of State for Universities, Science, Research & Innovation
- **Gargee Ghosh**, President of Global Policy & Advocacy, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- **Dr Laura Savage**, Executive Director, International Education Funders Group
- **Andrew Jack (Chair)**, Global Education Editor, Financial Times

15:15  Refreshment break

15:30  **Keynote**
- **Princess Laurentien**, UNESCO Special Envoy on Literacy and Development and Director, Yidan Prize Foundation
- **Keynote speech and responses from young people**

16:00  **Final Remarks**
- **Professor Sir Leszek Borysiewicz**, former Vice Chancellor, University of Cambridge and Director, Yidan Prize Foundation
- **Announcement of partnership – REAL Centre & CAMFED**

16:15  Close of conference