

10am - 3.30pm Saturday 19th November 2011, University of London Union, Malet Street, London, WC1E 7HY

“CAUGHT IN THE ACT” - a conference to get to grips with Michael Gove’s new Education Act



Melissa Benn - *A Divided Education System*

We have learned a great deal about what works within the comprehensive model and we need to renew the battle to defend the role of the state in equalising resources, and that of local democracy in terms of provision and accountability.



Christine Blower (NUT) - *The International Scene*

Is it true that US charter schools and Swedish free schools have raised standards of attainment? What do international studies say about school systems and pupil attainment?



Clyde Chitty

Education is more inequitable than just after the Second World War. Today, the main political parties endorse selection and privatisation. We need a broad coalition to convince parents, governors, teachers and politicians that state education is worth saving.



David Wolfe - *Implications of the new Education Act*

We will discuss the way in which the Education Bill changes the role of local authorities, particularly when it comes to admissions and to the planning and establishment of new schools.



Martin Johnson (ATL) - *Edubusiness*

Will explore recent developments in schools to illustrate how the privatisers plan to make money.



Patrick Roach (NASUWT) - *What Next?*

Will be running the final session of the day to bring together the themes of the workshops and discussions and helping to point the way forward.



Sam Ellis (ASCL) - *Paying the Price*

Where is the tipping point when a school’s annual expenditure exceeds its income?



Stephen J Ball - *Privatisation*

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