



# What is the future for Primary Education?

**Date: Saturday 1st December 2012**

**Venue: Reay School, Hackford Road, Lambeth, London SW9 0EN (near Oval Tube)**

**Time: 10.00am – 3.00pm. Lunch provided**

## Speakers:

- Steve Reed, Leader of Lambeth Council
  - Sue Palmer, ECA (Early Childhood Action) and author of *Toxic Childhood* and *21st Century Boys*
  - Katie Mitchell OBE, Associate Director of National Theatre
  - John Coe, National Association of Primary Education (NAPE)
  - Judy Ellerby, NUT principal officer for Primary
  - Jess Edwards, Primary School music teacher
- More speakers to be confirmed

## Key debates and workshops to include:

### ● How do we solve the shortage of school places in London schools?

London's children need 90,000 additional primary school places by 2015/16.

### ● Will the new Primary curriculum take us back to the 1950s?

The Coalition government is proposing wide ranging reform to the curriculum including phonics testing and other rote learning approaches.

### ● How do we get a more creative curriculum?

Teachers and parents know that what really inspires our children is a creative curriculum that builds their cultural and emotional level.

### ● How will cuts in breakfast clubs and other support services affect our children?

Cuts in essential services such as EMA grants and cuts to benefits see our most vulnerable children suffer.

### ● Will the 'free market' in education deliver higher standards?

The Coalition government claims academies and free schools are the answer to raising standards and tackling social inequality.

### ● Do we still need a 'middle tier'?

The role of Local Authorities in education is also under intense pressure. Austerity cuts and the emergence of private providers are changing the nature of local democratic accountability.

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